HOW TO KITTEN PROOF YOUR HOME BY MIRIAN HASANI, Feline Trainer & Behaviorist



if you are going to foster kittens, or adopt kittens... anywhere kittens are... you need to take some simple measures. We tend to forget that kittens are like toddlers... and love to get in trouble!!!!! That is because they don't know any better. I am talking kittens several months old not neonatal..

REMOVE THE FOLLOWING - NEVER LEAVE THEM AROUND

Twist Ties, Strings, Loose nails/screws, Plastic Bags, Sewing supplies, Buttons, Erasers, anything that is small and can be swallowed. If swallowed, the vet bill will be high and might require surgery!

STOW OR LOCK UP CLEANING SUPPLIES

Keep them from licking, chewing or eating cleaning products.

STOW FRAGILE TREASURES

They are valuable to us... not the kittens. Pack away or find a secure way to display them. They may accidentally knock them over and break fragile items or they might push them intentionally !!!

PUT AWAY MEDICINES

Keep all medications (Prescription & Over the Counter) in a secure place. Some, if ingested, are life-threatening to kittens.

PUT A LID ON THE TOILET

You don't want a kitten exploring the toilet and falling inside and possibly drowning!!

UNPLUG ELECTRICAL CORDS

When not in use. Kittens love chewing on electrical cords! Or you can use CRITTER CORD to protect them or coat them with bad-tasting substances/non-toxic sprays.

SECURE YOUR WINDOWS SCREENS

If you are going to leave the window open, make sure the kittens cannot pop those screens out.

CHECK THE DRYER - ALWAYS!

Cats and kittens (if they can reach) have a fascination with dryers... maybe because they are warm after the cycle.... Always check inside before closing the door.

BLOCK TINY/SMALL PLACES AND HOLES in between furniture, under cabinets.... those kittens can really squeeze in a tight little space!

TIE KNOTS ON CORDS

Make them shorter. Keep drapery and blind cords coiled out of reach.

KEEP SOME SWITCHES UNDER COVER

Like Garbage Disposal switches... kittens can push them with their paws. Especially watch the stove, if you have one of those flat surface one... kittens love to walk on the top!

MAKE SURE TRASH is not a readily available place... make sure the lid cannot easily open.

AVOID POISONOUS PLANTS

Chew chew... kittens love to chew.... I enclosing a list of common plants that are poisonous to kittens. Keep plants out of the reach or better yet don't have them where the kittens are.

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