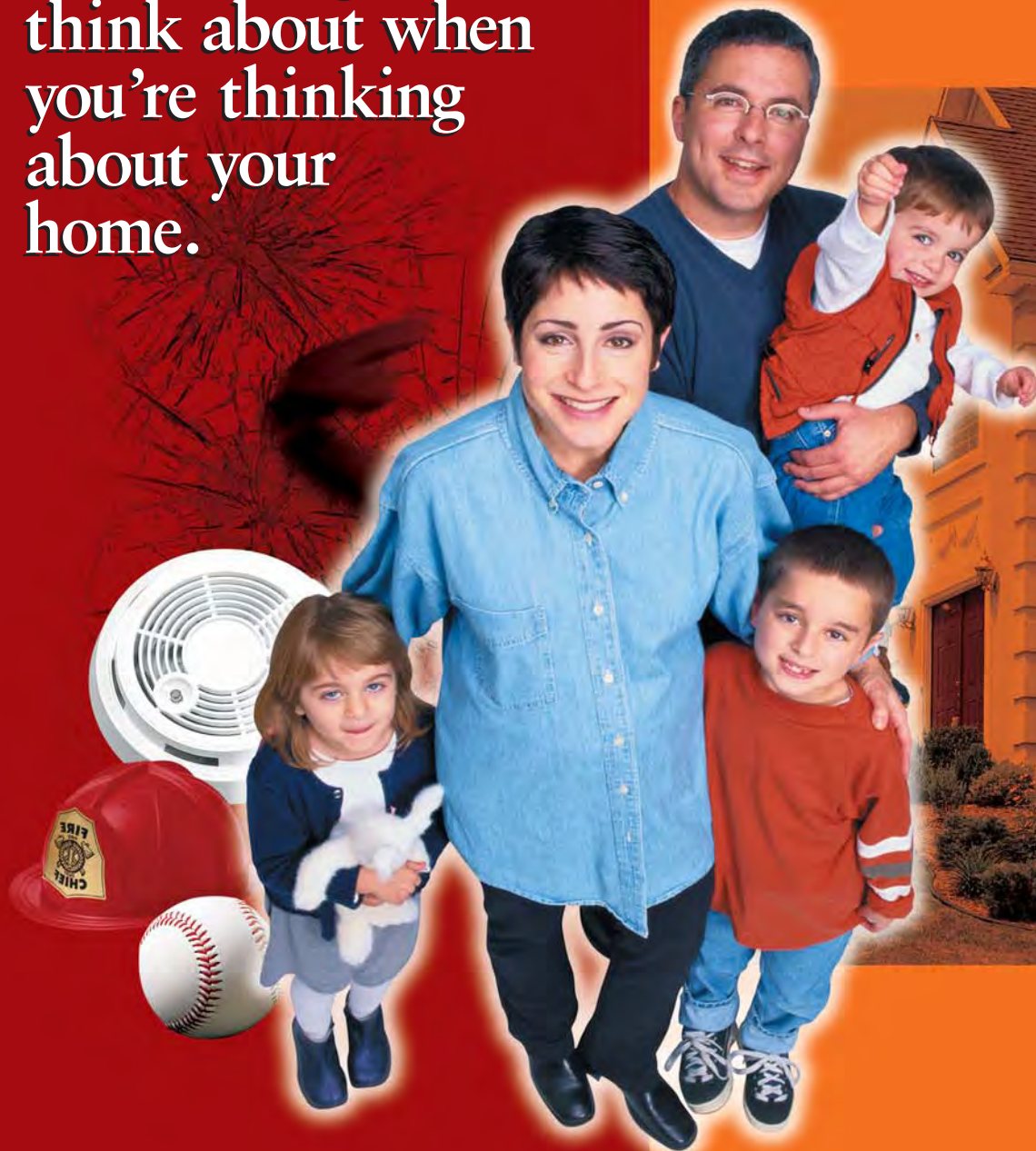


A few things to
think about when
you're thinking
about your
home.



 **SIMONTON**[®]
W I N D O W S

Whether you are building a new home or renovating an existing one, when you factor in the cost of soaring energy bills, the inconvenience of poor operation and safety considerations, you'll find that windows and doors aren't just an expense – they're an investment. This is why all Simonton windows and patio doors are guaranteed to provide strength, durability and be virtually maintenance free. Unlike wood, vinyl won't rot or splinter and will never require painting or repainting over time. Inside this brochure, you'll find that Simonton offers a wide variety of styles, features and options for vinyl windows and doors. In addition, you'll learn valuable information to help keep your family safe and happy for many years to come.

Making the Most of Home Sweet Home.



Windows and doors make a dramatic statement about your home – and you. They can accentuate your home’s character, do wonders for its curb appeal and, when properly installed, make it a much more energy-efficient, safe and enjoyable place. With a vast array of styles, sizes, shapes and options to choose from, you’re sure to find the perfect windows and doors, if you know what to look for. Below are some of the most important aspects to consider.

BEAUTY AND DESIGN

Because there are so many choices of shapes, sizes and styles of windows available, make sure you choose windows that complement the style of your home and enhance the ambience of your living spaces. Between-the-glass grids in various patterns, and interior and exterior colors are just a few options to consider.

MAINTENANCE

Think about the level of maintenance your windows will require in the years to come. While wood windows often require painting or staining, Simonton’s quality vinyl windows are virtually maintenance free, retaining their attractive appearance with minimal care for years.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Keep in mind the importance of energy efficiency, especially with today’s soaring energy costs. Select options that offer year round thermal benefits, such as Argon-filled, low emissivity glass which helps maximize the sun’s rays to lower heating and cooling costs. Simonton Windows® is an ENERGY STAR® partner to help homeowners choose the best window system for their needs.



PERFORMANCE

Your windows and doors should do more than just look good – they should function easily and be hassle-free. Examine operable windows to see if they open and close smoothly, and lock and unlock with minimal effort.

WARRANTY

Choose a window manufacturer that backs their products with a comprehensive warranty, and check to be sure you’re dealing with a reputable window company with a long, proven track record. After all, the most generous warranty in the world is worthless if a company isn’t around to stand behind it.

What to Look For When Looking For Windows and Doors.



You'll find helpful, energy-saving tips at www.energystar.gov.





Windows, Fire and Safety.



To learn more about fire safety, visit www.firesafetytips.com.

The importance of being prepared in the event of a fire cannot be overstated – especially in homes with children. Properly functioning smoke detectors should be placed on every level and outside of all sleeping areas. Keep fire extinguishers throughout your home, and familiarize yourself with their operation before an emergency. Also, have a floor plan of your house with escape routes mapped out. Everyone in the house should be familiar with these plans through practice drills. Small children tend to try to “hide” from fire, so make sure children in particular are very familiar with escape routes. Children should also know the “stop, drop and roll” technique if their clothing becomes ignited. Each room should have at least two ways out. In case a window is required as a means of escape, inspect your windows for the following:

- Be sure windows open and close easily.
- Children should be familiar with the window’s operation in case it’s required for escape.
- Windows designated for emergency exit must meet Egress codes, which require a minimum opening for persons to exit or firefighters to enter.
- Furniture, air-conditioners or other objects should not block windows.
- Permanent window guards (bars on windows used for security) can make escape impossible. Make sure window guards are operable from the inside and can be readily removed in an emergency.
- Windows located on the second floor or higher should have safety escape chain ladders, which can store under beds and install fast and easy in an emergency.



TIP

January is the peak month for residential fires, followed by February and December. So plan to have “practice” fire drills with your entire family at least every three months.

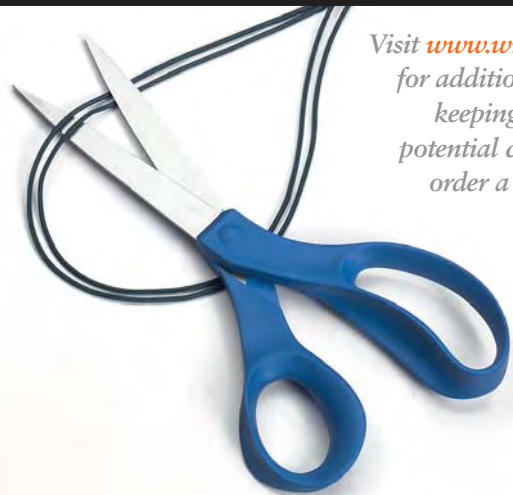
Home Safe Home.



Blinds and other window treatments often have cords that can pose a strangulation threat to small children. This threat is increased when children climb upon furniture to look out a window, so it's a good idea to keep furniture away from windows. Any cord that has a loop should be cut in half. Knotting or tying cords together merely creates more loops. To help prevent children from falling from windows, especially during warm months when windows tend to be open for fresh air and ventilation, follow these simple guidelines:

- Furniture, or anything children can climb, should be kept away from windows.
- When windows are opened for ventilation, consider engaging the windows' ventilation locks or opening only windows that children cannot reach.
- Always remember that window screens are designed for protection from insects only – they will not support the weight of a child – so caution your family members accordingly.
- Having windows open on the second floor or higher of your home is a greater safety risk for children; in these areas, consider Simonton Double Hung windows, which have top sash that may be opened for ventilation while the bottom sash remain closed.

Visit www.windowcoverings.org for additional information on keeping children safe from potential cord hazards and to order a free cord safety kit.

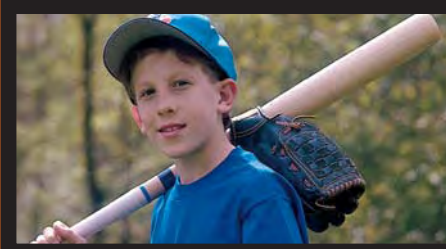


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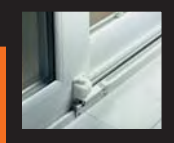
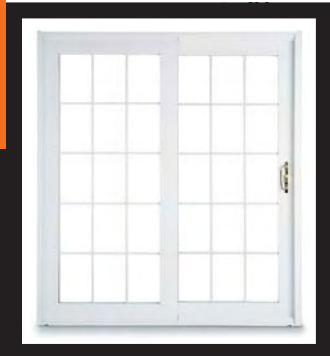
Do not place cribs or playpens near windows where infants can have access to cords.

Many windows contain glass that may shatter into large, dangerous fragments when broken. Simonton offers optional tempered glass, which breaks into very small, blunt pieces, much like a windshield does in an auto accident. Tempered glass is a much safer alternative to traditional glass in the event the window gets broken. Tempered glass is a must for patio doors simply because of their size. In addition to tempered glass, Simonton patio doors offer a multi-point locking system and an optional foot bolt for even more peace of mind.

For an added level of safety, Simonton offers a remarkable glass system with two panes adhered to a durable plastic interlayer sealed between the layers



of glass. While the glass will still shatter when struck with force, the broken pieces remain adhered to the interlayer, preventing glass fallout inside the home. The plastic interlayer is also puncture resistant, frustrating potential burglars and intruders.



GLASS THAT ALSO PROTECTS YOUR HOME.

Over time, the sun's rays can fade carpets, furniture and window treatments, which can lead to costly replacement. Simonton's low emissivity glass blocks harmful UV rays and helps keep your possessions looking as good as new. Think of Simonton's Low E glass as SPF protection for your home.



In summer, Low E glass keeps hot air out and cool air in.



In winter, Low E glass keeps warm air in and cold air out.

TIP

For increased privacy, consider choosing windows with obscure, tinted, or acrylic block inserts. These options let light in, while obstructing the view into your home from the outside.



At www.efficientwindows.org, you'll find valuable information on selecting energy-efficient windows.

Aside from being safe and energy efficient, Simonton windows require almost no maintenance for years of carefree operation. If you've ever uttered the phrase, "I don't do windows," you'll love the ease of cleaning Simonton's Double Hung and Single Hung windows. With sash that tilt in, cleaning the exterior pane is as easy as cleaning the interior. And because these windows can be cleaned from inside your home, it eliminates the need for climbing on a ladder or the roof. In addition, with grids sealed between the panes of glass, a flat window surface makes cleaning even easier. Best of all, vinyl usually wipes clean with a damp cloth. It's so easy, you may want to practice saying, "I do do windows."

Window Care Made Simple.

Warranty

The premium vinyl used in Simonton windows and doors is an excellent insulator. This high quality also allows Simonton to offer one of the best comprehensive warranties in the business. For complete warranty information visit www.simonton.com.



TIP

If you're out of paper towels and need to clean your windows in a pinch, use clean coffee filters.

Learn more about the advantages of vinyl at www.vinylinfo.org.

Lasting Impressions.

Since 1946, Simonton has taken pride in handcrafted quality. Building our reputation one window and door at a time by offering the type of care and commitment we believe every home deserves. Imagine thousands of skilled artisans utilizing some of the most advanced technology in North America. Imagine a quality control system dedicated to perfection and a nationwide manufacturing process designed to translate maximum thermal dynamics into affordable price. The results would be extraordinary – and they are. Without question, every Simonton window and patio door represents the highest standards in the industry. When you choose Simonton, you choose a company that understands your needs, and is committed to exceeding your expectations. At Simonton, we make more than windows and doors. We make lasting impressions. On your home. On your family. On your life.

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