

HANDY STUFF

These clever upgrades make it easier to keep your home secure and stay safe while you DIY

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Prevent pain

Wearing kneepads may make you look like you're about to go rollerblading but since kneeling for extended periods of time can do serious damage to delicate cartilage, we reckon the trade-off between image and safety is worth it.

Tommyco Gel 227 Kneepads, \$40, are made with lightweight gel and have been designed to disperse pressure away from the patella bone, making them one of the most comfortable kneepads available on the market.

kneepads.com



Shine bright

Get power where it's needed with the Cordtech High Visibility Heavy Duty Extension Lead, \$36. It's tough enough to withstand the dangers of a home renovation or job site and comes in eye-catching fluorescent colours so no one has an excuse to slip up.

bunnings.com.au



Kit out the kids

Keep small faces and hands protected with the Scott Junior Safety Kit, \$35. It comes with specs, gloves and earmuffs that have all been made to meet Australian standards. Your kids will love having their own gear and you'll love knowing they're wearing the right equipment while they're honing their skills around the workshop and garden.

scottdiysafety.com



Keep out

Nothing screams caution and danger quite like the words caution and danger. Whites On-Site Caution and Danger Tapes, about \$7 each, are an effective tool for keeping people well away from hazardous areas at home and work. They're heavy-duty and UV stabilised so there's no risk of fading.

whiteswires.com.au



Tame the flame

Every home needs a fire blanket and extinguisher so you can safely put out small fires without the risk of exacerbating the flames or electrocuting yourself.

The Family First Fire Blanket, \$10, is ideal for smothering small kitchen fires and the Fire Extinguisher, \$20 for 1L, is suitable for tackling fires caused by appliances, flammable liquids, wood, paper or plastic.

family-first.com.au



Fall no more

Avoid slips and falls in the bathroom with the 3M Safety Walk Bathtub Strips, \$10. The strips work like non-slip tape except they're thinner and water resistant so feet remain firmly planted on the floor, even with soap and water sloshing all over the place. They're ideal for use in bathtubs and showers and are available in different colours.

solutions.3m.com.au



Latch the loo

Toilets and toddlers aren't the safest combination. Ensure little ones can't open the toilet lid by keeping it firmly shut with the First Alert Toilet Latch, \$2. It mounts on the outside of the toilet and can be adjusted to fit specific shapes and sizes. The latch will lock automatically once installed and is easy for adults and older kids to open.

firstalertaustralia.com.au