

Puppy-Proofing your Home - Room by Room Checklist

Front Hall

- closet door closes securely
- any electric cords are wrapped up and too high for the puppy to reach
- don't leave shoes and boots in the hallway -- your Morkie may chew them

Stairs

- put a baby gate on stairs (going up and going down) or block with a heavy board

Bathroom

- toilet lid down - puppies have drowned!
- any electric cords trailing from your hair dryer or shaver?
- secure cabinets with child-proof latches
- make sure garbage is put away in a cabinet with one of the child-proof latches
- shower curtain and liner inside tub
- best bathroom check: keep the door closed at all times

Kitchen

- garbage securely put away and out of reach
- electric cords hanging from counters?
- secure cabinets with child-proof latches - especially where you keep cleaning stuff

Living Room / Family Room

- electric cords are the #1 hazard - your pup could be electrocuted, or start a house fire
- secure check cords and cables behind the TV and stereo
- favorite things to chew on are throw rugs, toys and newspapers (or the mail)!
- pick up all small toys, game pieces and parts
- plants up out of reach

In any room

- check for open windows that your Morkie could jump up to
- cords hanging down from blinds or drapes
- put electric cords out of reach
- pick up papers, newspapers, paper towels, tissues, toilet paper
- check all dog toys and make sure the puppy is not chewing pieces off them

Outdoors

- you need a fence to let your dog out without her leash; before the puppy arrives, walk the fence line and look for any little gaps or broken boards where your Morkie could escape
- have your home and yard sprayed for fleas and ticks if necessary
- many plants in your yard may be poisonous to dogs - google *poisonous plants*
- take extra care if you have a swimming pool that the puppy can fall into
- NEVER leave your Morkie outside without supervision - even in well developed suburbs, coyotes can be on the prowl for your little puppy

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