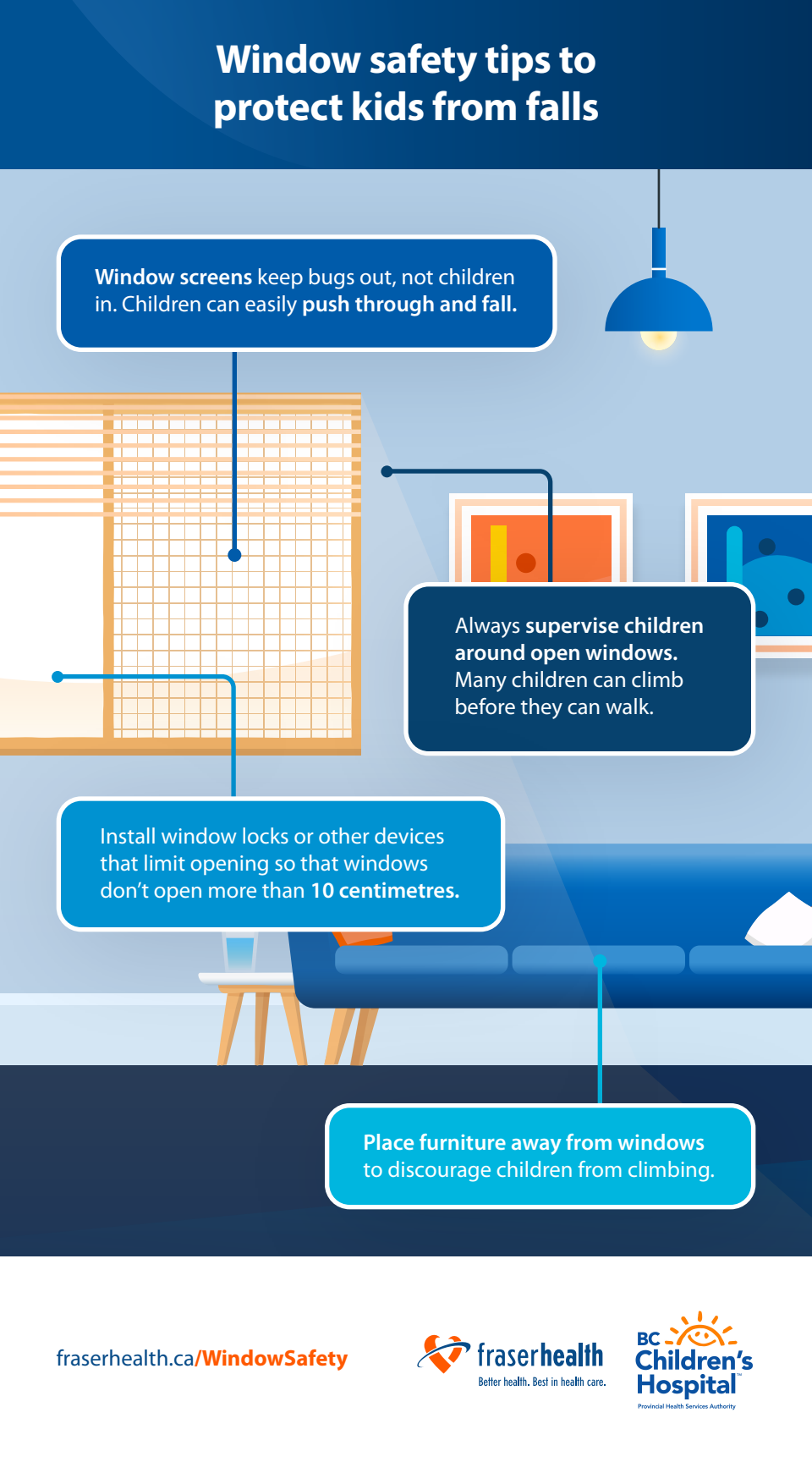


Window safety tips to protect kids from falls

An illustration of a child's room. On the left is a window with orange horizontal blinds and a white grid-patterned screen. A blue line connects the screen to a text box. To the right of the window is a blue lamp hanging from the ceiling. Further right is a blue couch with a white pillow. A blue line connects the couch to a text box. In the background, there are two framed pictures on the wall. A blue line connects one of the pictures to a text box. At the bottom, a blue line connects the couch to a text box.

Window screens keep bugs out, not children in. Children can easily **push through** and fall.

Always **supervise** children around open windows. Many children can climb before they can walk.

Install window locks or other devices that limit opening so that windows don't open more than **10 centimetres**.

Place furniture away from windows to discourage children from climbing.

Tips to make your home more secure for children and prevent devastating falls



Install window guards on windows above the ground level. These can act as a gate in front of the window.



Install window and door safety locks. These safety features prevent windows from opening more than 10 centimetres (4 inches). Children can fit through spaces as small as 12 centimetres (5 inches) wide. Make sure there is a safe release option in case of a house fire.



Children often begin climbing before they can walk.



Move furniture away from windows. This can discourage children and toddlers from using objects like a step stool to climb and look out.



Don't leave children unattended on balconies or decks. Move furniture or planters away from the edges as children can climb up and over.



Window screens keep bugs out, not children in. Most screens pop out easily, allowing children to push through and fall. Toddlers can easily fall headfirst through a window screen if they lean against it.



Talk to your children about the dangers of opening and playing near windows, particularly on upper floors of the home.



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