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**Kidsafe Tasmania Welcomes Residential Tenancy Amendment Bill 2024**

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Kidsafe Tasmania commends the Tasmanian Government on the introduction of the Residential Tenancy Amendment Bill 2024, tabled today. CEO Jenny Branch-Allen expressed strong support for this positive legislative move, which will help protect children in rental properties from the dangers of toppling furniture—a hazard that can lead to serious injury or even death among young people.

"We congratulate Minister Ogilvie and the Liberal government on tabling this crucial amendment. At Kidsafe Tasmania, we have long advocated for such measures, knowing that they will ultimately save young lives," said Mrs. Branch-Allen. “We have been in many discussions with government and they have listened. In a tight property market, many vulnerable families have no choice but to rent. Ensuring their homes are safe for children should be a right, not an optional request."

Kidsafe Tasmania’s website features resources from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) on the dangers of toppling furniture and ongoing awareness campaigns. This bill aligns with our mission to make all homes safer for children. [www.kidsafetas.com.au](http://www.kidsafetas.com.au)

Kidsafe Australia’s Acting President, Erica Edmunds, added, "Kidsafe National is delighted to endorse and support this legislative change. We know it will save the lives of Tasmanian children, and we are proud to see such proactive steps being taken. We congratulate Kidsafe Tasmania on its proactive approach to this issue."

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