

HOW TO REPAIR A BROKEN STROLLER

DAMAGED CANOPY



Patch.

- **UMBRELLA STROLLER**—Pull the damaged section taut. Sew a ripped or torn cloth canopy with needle and thread. Use duct or electrical tape to repair a plastic or vinyl canopy.
- **CARRIAGE STROLLER**—Canopies on larger, carriage-type strollers are generally sturdier, with plastic frames that rotate on hinges to cover the baby in various positions. Check the hinges (there should be one on each side of the stroller) where the canopy attaches to the stroller frame. If the canopy has come off its hinge, try to snap it back in place. If the hinge is damaged, secure the canopy to the stroller frame using string, yarn, a belt, or a purse strap.



Construct a makeshift canopy.

If the canopy cannot be repaired, place a shirt or other lightweight piece of material on the canopy frame and secure in place using string, tape, rubber bands, or hair clips. This will protect the baby from the elements temporarily.

Be Aware

In inclement weather, position an open umbrella in place of the canopy to keep the baby dry. Make sure the metal frame of the umbrella is far enough from the baby to be out of reach.

BROKEN STRAP



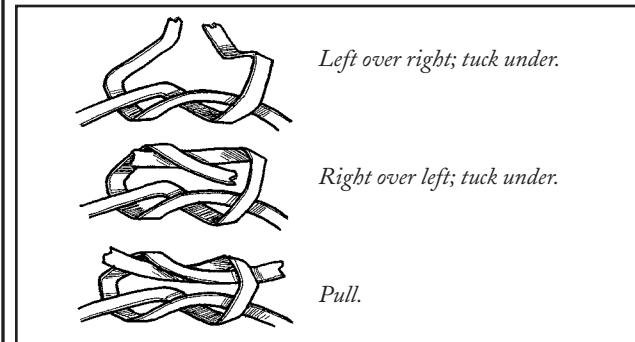
Pin the strap together.

A strap or safety belt that has torn in two can be reconnected using two small safety pins or one large diaper pin. Take the baby out of the stroller while you perform the repair.



Tie the ends with a square knot.

If there is enough slack, tie the two broken ends together with a square knot. Holding one end of the broken strap in each hand, pass the left over the right, and tuck under. Then pass the same end, now in the right hand, over the left, and tuck under. Pull the ends together tightly for added security.





Substitute your own belt.

Use an adult's belt to hold the child in the stroller. Run the belt across the child's lap and around the back of the stroller. Buckle the belt behind the stroller.

FAULTY BRAKES



Disengage the brake.

- **PEDAL OR BAR BRAKE**—On standard strollers, the brakes are activated by pressing down on a pedal or bar above the rear wheels. A faulty brake will not stay in the raised position and will continue engaging, thereby stopping the wheels from turning. Use rubber bands, string, or twist-ties to attach the pedal or bar to the legs of the stroller: This will prevent it from falling and engaging the wheels. Make sure the connection is tight and there is no slippage.
- **HAND BRAKE**—Three-wheeled jogging strollers may have a hand brake, operated by squeezing a handle that pulls a cable, as on a bike. If the brake cable is broken, the brake will clamp the wheels and prevent them from turning. Pull the two ends of the wire together until the wire is taut. Twist the ends together for a temporary fix.

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