

## Improperly Installed Flat Screens Can Cause Injury

**9 Out Of 10 Flat Screens Not Secure Enough, Expert Says**

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**CLEVELAND** -- There's been an explosion recently in the popularity of flat screen television sets: They are sleek, stylish and thin, but now there's a warning from NewsChannel5's partner, [Shopzilla.com](http://Shopzilla.com).

There were 3,000 injuries reported last year from tumbling TVs, a danger most people probably never even consider.

So if you're in the market for a flat screen, here's how to make sure your family -- and your TV -- stay safe, reported NewsChannel5's Angie Lau.

Shopping for flat screen TVs is sort of like shopping for art. The slim new sets are perched high on store walls, creating a sleek look consumers crave.

But surprisingly few people actually achieve that look at home, Lau reported.

"Only one in 10 flat panels are being mounted today in residential applications. People are oftentimes placing flat panel TVs where they used to have conventional TVs," said Don Burns, of Vantage Point. "The space or the stand they're placing it on is not engineered or designed for that flat panel TV. And so, too often, nine out of 10 flat screen TVs are not secure enough, especially around children."

These flat screens may be slimmer but they are still heavy. They are typically anywhere from 85 to 200 pounds, and when it comes crashing down, it can cause serious injury.

Mounting a flat panel TV is probably cheaper and easier than you think.

Basic mounts start at \$29 for a 13-inch, and \$129 for an articulating mount that supports up to 200 pounds.

"You must remember to allocate a certain amount of your budget toward your actual wall mount, because if you're going to spend a lot of money on a new TV,

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you want to make sure it's properly supported," said Shopzilla's Helen Malani.

To find out more about mounting kits for flat screen TV's, go to [Shopzilla.com](http://Shopzilla.com). A search-results page has already been assembled to help you find the right mount for your TV.

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