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## SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

The HomeSafe CD requires the following hardware and software in order to run smoothly:

### **Windows 3.1 or later**

You should have at least 8MB of virtual memory installed for Windows. To check your virtual memory under Windows, from the **Main** window click on the **Control Panel** icon and click on the **386 Enhanced** icon, then press **ALT + V** for virtual memory. For best performance, make sure that the type is permanent memory, and that you are using 32 bit access. For more information, check your Windows manual.

### **386DX or better Computer System (486SX or Better Recommended)**

If you have a 386SX system the program will still work, but at a much slower speed. The full motion video may lose too many frames and appear extremely "choppy".

### **Minimum 4 MB of RAM (8 MB or Higher Recommended)**

### **Windows Compatible Sound Card**

To make sure that your sound card is properly installed under Windows, you should hear a sound when you load Windows 3.1. If you have never heard any sound in Windows, please refer to your sound card manuals.

### **Double Spin CD-ROM Drive or Higher**

A CD-ROM drive with at least 350 Ms access time or less is recommended. A slower CD-ROM drive may also work, but the quality of the full motion video might be poor. Also, make sure that you have the latest or fastest software driver installed for your CD-ROM (please refer to your CD-ROM installation manual).

### **SVGA Card**

Your SVGA card should be setup under Windows with a resolution of 640x480 with 256 colors. The application will work even if you have a 16 color display, however the quality and color of the graphics and video will appear washed out. To change your SVGA display driver under Windows please refer to your SVGA and Windows manuals.

## INSTALLING THE HOMESAFE CD

Installing the HomeSafe CD is easy. Just run the **HSETUP.EXE** program located in the root directory of your HomeSafe CD-ROM. The HSETUP program will copy a few very small files to your hard disk and create an icon group in Program Manager. Follow the steps outlined below to install the HomeSafe CD:

### Windows 3.1:

1. From the main menu of Program Manager, select the File menu and then select the **Run...** option.
2. In the Command Line box, enter the letter of your CD-ROM drive followed by the **\HSETUP.EXE** file name. For example, if your CD-ROM drive is E:, enter **E:\HSETUP.EXE** and then click the **OK** button.
3. The setup program will ask you what drive letter contains the HomeSafe CD. By default, you can accept the drive letter suggested by the setup program. If your CD ROM drive letter is different, type in the appropriate drive letter. When you are ready, click your mouse over the **Continue** button.
4. By default the HomeSafe files will be copied to **C:\HOMESAFE**. Once again, just click your mouse over the **Continue** button.
5. The HSETUP.EXE program will automatically install Microsoft Video for Windows. If you do not have Video for Windows version 1.1 or higher installed on your system answer "Yes" when HSETUP asks you to install it.

### Windows 95:

1. In the Start Menu select the **Run...** option.
2. In the Open line, enter the letter of your CD-ROM drive followed by the **\HSETUP.EXE** file name. For example, if your CD-ROM drive is E:, enter **E:\HSETUP.EXE** and then click the **OK** button.
3. The setup program will ask you what drive letter contains the HomeSafe CD. By default, you can accept the drive letter suggested by the setup program. If your CD ROM drive letter is different, type in the appropriate drive letter. When you are ready, click your mouse over the **Continue** button.
4. By default the HomeSafe files will be copied to **C:\HOMESAFE**. Once again, just click your mouse over the **Continue** button.
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### The Run-Time Version of Microsoft Video For Windows

Since the HomeSafe CD uses full motion video, ***it is necessary to install the Run-Time version of Microsoft Video for Windows. If you do not allow HSETUP to install the Run-Time Microsoft Video for Windows the HomeSafe CD will not work properly!***

**NOTE:** If Microsoft Video for Windows Version 1.1 is already installed on your system by the HSETUP.EXE program, please skip the following steps.

### Windows 3.1:

1. From the main menu of Program Manager, select the **File** menu and then select the **Run...** option.
2. In the Command Line box enter the letter of your CD-ROM drive followed by the **\WINVIDEO\SETUP.EXE** file name. For example, if your CD-ROM drive is E:, enter **E:\WINVIDEO\SETUP.EXE** and then click the **OK** button.
3. Accept all the default prompts that the Video for Windows installation program displays.

### Windows 95:

1. In the Start menu select the **Run...** option.
2. In the Open line enter the letter of your CD-ROM drive followed by the **\WINVIDEO\SETUP.EXE** file name. For example, if your CD-ROM drive is E:, enter **E:\WINVIDEO\SETUP.EXE** and then click the **OK** button.
3. Accept all the default prompts that the Video for Windows installation program displays.

**IMPORTANT!**

The HomeSafe CD-ROM features Context Sensitive help. At any time during the application you can get help by pressing the F1 key.

## SIMPLE OVERVIEW



### Main Menu

After the Martin Short introductory video plays, you can select any of the six options listed on the main menu. These options are divided into two categories:

#### 1. "Fun Stuff"

Options under this category feature colorful, interactive exercises, hosted by Bandy, the animated bandage. These options will be most effective for teaching younger children safety.

#### Kitchen Game

A fun and easy game that tests your ability to recognize potentially dangerous items in the kitchen. To play, just point and click your mouse over each item that Bandy identifies, and drag it into one of the safe or dangerous boxes located on either side of the screen. When you finish filling all the boxes, Bandy will let you know how well you did.

#### Outdoor Fun

Another fun game that tests your ability to recognize potentially dangerous items in the backyard. To play, just point and click your mouse over each item that Bandy identifies, and drag it into one of the safe or dangerous boxes located on either side of the screen. When you finish filling all the boxes, Bandy will let you know how well you did.

#### Bandy's Test

Bandy quizzes you on a series of key home safety tips. After Bandy asks each question, just point and click your mouse over what you believe is the correct response.

#### 2. "Let's Get Serious"

Options under this category feature video clips and in-depth interactive tests that cover important aspects of home safety, accident prevention and first aid. These options will be most effective for teaching adults and older children.

#### Prevention

You have a choice of 7 different categories to explore:

- Falls & Fractures
- Poisons
- Baby-Sitter
- Sun Dangers
- Safety Awareness



- Choking
- Shocks

Point and click on the option you would like to run. In each option, you will view an entertaining video clip on the selected topic demonstrating effective accident prevention techniques.

You may then quiz yourself on the information presented in the video by taking a quick test. (If you wish to start the test immediately, click on the **Quick Test** button.)

Point and click on what you believe to be the correct response(s) to the question. For additional questions, click your mouse on the **Next Question** button.

For further information on the topic, click your mouse on the **Extra Information** button. This will give you access to an extensive library of prevention tips and facts.

### First Aid

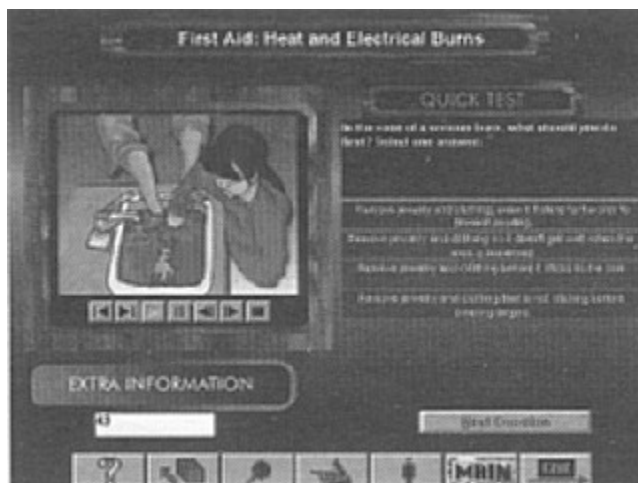
You have a choice of 10 different categories to explore:

- Burns & Shocks
- Poisoning
- Bites & Stings
- Bleeding
- Sun Dangers
- Fever & Seizures
- Head Injuries
- Fractures & Sprains
- Eye Injuries
- Choking

Point and click on the option you would like to run. In each option, you will view a video clip on the selected topic demonstrating effective first aid tips.

You may then quiz yourself on information covered in the video by taking a quick test. (If you wish to start the test immediately, click on the **Quick Test** button.) Point and click on what you believe to be the correct response(s) to the question.

For further information on the topic, you can click your mouse on the **Extra Information** button. This will access an extensive library of first aid tips and facts.



### SAFETY INSPECTION

You have a choice of 6 different rooms of the house to explore:

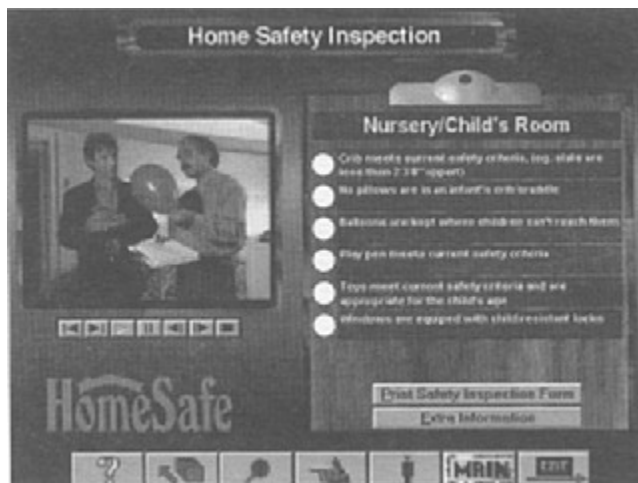
- Kitchen
- Family Room
- Nursery
- Bathroom
- Backyard & Pool
- Garage

Point and click on the option you would like to run. In each option you'll view a video in which Martin Short and Dr. Fefferman tell you how to safety proof a room in your home.

While the video is playing, you will see a clipboard graphic showing the items that Marty and the Doctor have checked over. This clipboard contains information that can help make your home a safer place.

You can get a printout of the clipboard by clicking your mouse over the **Print Safety Inspection Form** button.

For further information on the topic, you can click your mouse on the **Extra Information** button. This will access an extensive library of first aid tips and facts.



## THE TOOLBAR

On the bottom of all HomeSafe screens you will see a toolbar like the one shown below. It is a general interface to several important program functions. At any time you can click over one of these animated buttons to activate its function.



### What The Buttons Mean



#### **Help!**

Activates HomeSafe's help system. Use this button if you are stuck.



#### **Where I've Been**

Displays a list of screens that you have explored in the current session of HomeSafe. Each time you visit a screen, its name is added to the list.



#### **Safety Information Search**

Displays an Information Search menu for various safety topics.



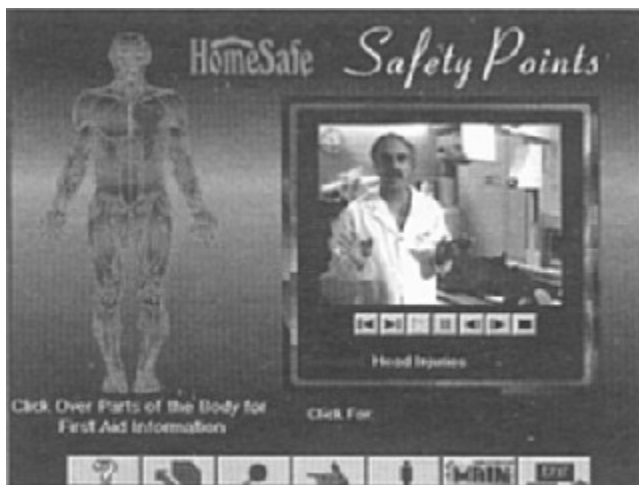
#### **Previous Screen**

Moves you back to the previous screen.



#### **Body Safety Panel**

Activates the Safety Points (Hotzone Body) panel. Selecting this will access a screen featuring a diagram of a human body. You can use this option to quickly access safety videos relating to key parts on the human body.



To use this screen, move your mouse over any part of the body picture. Wherever there is a "hotzone," the mouse cursor will change to a square shape and the caption under the body picture will identify the

related safety topic. Click your mouse over any valid "hotzone" to view its video clip.

You can click over another "hotzone" while a video is playing.



**Main Menu**

Return to the Main Menu.



**Exit HomeSafe**

Exits the HomeSafe Application.

## TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

### Audio

#### Problems With Audio

If you do not hear any audio, this is usually indicative of a problem with your audio driver or hardware. You can troubleshoot most audio problems as follows:

1. Make sure all audio cables are connected.
2. If your audio card has a volume control set it to maximum.
3. Re-install the Windows audio driver that came with your sound card.

If step 3 does not work, you may need to contact the manufacturer of your audio card to obtain the latest Windows drivers.

Please refer to your Sound Card manual for other suggestions.

### Full-Motion Video

Full motion video clips are played at various times throughout HomeSafe. On most MPC compatible systems the video quality should be acceptable. If you do not see any video or experience problems, you can troubleshoot most problems as follows:

#### No Full-Motion Video Whatsoever

In most cases this is a result of failing to install the runtime version of Microsoft Video for Windows that was included on The HomeSafe CD. You must install the runtime version of Video for Windows by running the **SETUP.EXE** program located in the **WINVIDEO** directory of The HomeSafe CD.

#### Video Playback Appears Slow or Choppy

In many cases, this is a result of using a relatively slow CPU such as a 386SX or 386DX (we recommend a 486SX-25 or higher). Other factors include low memory (under 4 megabytes) and slow video drivers. There are some solutions that you can attempt without changing your hardware. In order to optimize video playback on your system you should:

1. Make sure The HomeSafe CD is the only active Windows application.
2. Switch your video driver to 256 colors at 640x480 resolution.
3. If you are using DOS 6.0 or later, run the **MEMMAKER.EXE** program to maximize the amount of memory available to Windows.
4. Add more RAM to your system. 4 megabytes is the practical minimum for multimedia applications, 8 megabytes or more is ideal.

#### Problems With Local Bus Video Cards

Some local bus video cards may experience problems when attempting to play video files in 256 color mode. Symptoms include crashes and dropping to a DOS prompt. Should these symptoms occur, the following solutions should work:

1. Change your Windows video driver to 65 thousand color mode.
2. Change your Windows video driver to 24 million color mode.
3. Change the resolution of your Windows driver to 640x480 or 800x600.

Please consult the manual that was shipped with your local bus video card for further instructions.

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In many cases this is a result of using a relatively slow CPU such as a 386SX or 386DX (we recommend a 486SX 25 or higher). Other factors include low memory (under 4 megabytes) and slow video drivers. There are some solutions that you can attempt without changing your hardware. In order to optimize performance on your system you can:

1. Make sure The HomeSafe CD is the only active Windows application.
2. Switch your video driver to 256 colors at 640x480 resolution.
3. If you are using DOS 6.0 or later, run the **MEMMAKER.EXE** program to maximize the amount of memory available to Windows.
4. Add more RAM to your system. 4 megabytes is the practical minimum for multimedia applications, 8 megabytes or more is ideal.
5. Use the **SMARTDRV.EXE** Disk Caching program.

Some first generation CD ROM drives are too slow for practical multimedia playback. The suggested minimum CD-ROM specification is a sustained data transfer rate of 150 kilobytes-per second (Single Spin) with an access time of 350 milliseconds or less. Optimal performance will be achieved by using a higher speed CD-ROM drive.

## **CD-ROM Drives**

The HomeSafe CD is optimized for double spin CD ROM drives. Running HomeSafe from a Single Spin CD-ROM drives will result in relatively slow video playback.

### **Single Spin**

Your CD-ROM drive has a data transfer rate of 150 kilobytes per second (150 KBS). Many first generation CD ROM drives are single spin.

### **Double Spin**

Your CD-ROM drive has a data transfer rate of 300 kilobytes per second (300 KBS) or higher. This is the recommended CD-ROM drive for HomeSafe. Triple Spin (3x) or higher speed drives are also recommended.



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