

SAFE TOYS FOR CHILDREN

- Children love to yank and pull apart toys, so choose sturdy toys that don't have loose.
- Buy age-appropriate toys. Read the label, and if it's not recommended for children under a certain age, then don't buy.
- Reduce choking risk by skipping any games that include parts that are smaller than 1.75 inches in diameter for babies and toddlers. A general rule: Any object that can fit into an empty toilet paper roll is a choking hazard.
- Stay away from toys with loose string, ribbons, or cords because they can become tangled around your baby's neck.
- Avoid toy guns or other toys that shoot objects. Even the simplest versions that shoot plastic objects can cause eye injuries and present choking hazards.
- Never permit a child to use a toy with a frayed cord because it can result in shocks and burns.



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DO YOU KNOW:

- That any toy can be unsafe if given to the wrong child, to a child at the wrong age, or when it is misused?
- That a child's safety depends on the types of toys selected, the way they are maintained, and the amount of safety training received in the home?



TOYS FOR CHILDREN

1. Must be fun.
2. Should provide an activity with purpose.
3. Should encourage play.
4. Must appeal for a lengthy period.
5. Must be durable.
6. Should provide for the use of the imagination.
7. Should teach or develop skills.
8. May help a child develop social understanding.
9. Should be attractive to the child,
10. Must be SAFE.



SAFETY TIPS

- Avoid toys with sharp points and edges that can be jabbed in your child's eyes
- Remove any splinters or projecting nails from boxes or other equipment before giving them to your child. Select toys with rounded edges and smooth surfaces.
- Make sure that plastic is used, not plate glass in your toy car or truck windows.
- Avoid toys that are poorly constructed, like a rattle that could break apart and free little balls for the child to swallow, and noise makers and squeaker toys with metal pieces or squeakers fall out.
- Avoid toys that have detachable parts, such as button eyes that your child can put in his/her ears, nose or mouth. Dolls with embroidered or firmly glued eyes are safer.
- Check to see that stuffed toys are filled with hygienic material that is washable and can be changed.