

Play It Safe This Holiday Season

Why are we concerned about holiday toy safety?

Over three million children are treated in the emergency room each year from toy-related injuries and a little over half of those injured are under the age of six.

How can I help protect my child from being injured?

- Choose toys appropriate for your child's age, interests, and skill level
- Look for fabric toys that are labeled flame resistant or flame retardant
- Stuffed toys should be washable
- Use non-toxic art materials
- Be cautious about using older toys or hand-me-downs which might not meet current safety standards



Stay Informed:

- Read the warning labels for safety information
- Check the Consumer Product Safety Commission (www.CPSC.com) for toy recalls and report unsafe toys to CPSC (800-638-2772)

Supervise and Maintain:

- Check toys regularly for damage (sharp edges, splinters, rust, broken seams in stuffed toys, small parts that may cause choking, etc.)
- Watch your children while they play
- Return, repair, or throw away broken toys
- Keep toys clean - wash, rinse, and/or wipe
- Throw away all plastic wrappings on toys
- Keep toys for older children away from younger ones
- Put toys away to prevent tripping

For more information: www.CPSC.com



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