

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



12/15

HealthWhys

A public health message from
www.tjhd.org

Follow us on
Facebook



VDH VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH
Protecting You and Your Environment

You can find this and other timely public health tips and events on the Thomas Jefferson Health District (TJHD) Facebook page. Check us out and "like us!"