



Quick Facts:

- In 2009, 12 children under the age of 15 died in toy-related accidents; 24 children died in 2008.¹
- U.S. hospital emergency rooms treated 250,100 toy-related injuries last year.¹
- Riding toys were associated with 58 percent of those reported deaths in 2009.¹
- More than 40 toys have been recalled in 2010.¹ Log onto www.cpsc.gov for a list.

Holiday Toy Safety

- **Choose age appropriate toys.**
Look at age recommendations on the toys and match them to your child. Avoid toys with small parts for children under 3. Teach your children not to put toys in their mouths.
- **Buy safety gear.**
Include helmets sized for your child for riding toys, such as bikes, skates, scooters and toy cars. Make sure children wear the safety gear properly.
- **Avoid toys that shoot or include parts that fly off.**
BB guns are not toys. The Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends BB guns for kids 16 years of age or older.
- **Allow only toy guns that don't look real.**
Make sure toy guns are clearly made of plastic and have bright colors so they can't be mistaken for real weapons. Never allow your child to take a toy gun to school.
- **Test for small parts that may become a choking hazard**
Place the toy inside a toilet paper roll; if it fits, remove it from any child under the age of 3.
- **Electrical toys are a potential burn hazard.**
Children under 8 years old should not use toys with electrical plugs or batteries.
- **Keep toys with magnets away from children under age 6.**
The magnets may fall out of the toy and be swallowed by a child. If swallowed, magnets can create blockage, causing serious injuries, or even death.
- **Immediately discard or safely store packing materials.**
Plastic bags, wrappings or other packaging can become dangerous playthings.
- **Discard broken balloons that can become choking hazards.**
Consider using balloons made of Mylar rather than latex.
- **Look for the letters "ASTM" on the package to make sure toys meet the American Society for Testing Materials' safety standards.**

¹U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission