

Toy Safety Tips

Everything you need to know to keep your kids safe around toys.

Toys and games are tons of fun for kids and adults. Whether your kids are working on a puzzle, playing with building blocks or even inventing their own games, here are a few things to think about to help them stay safer and have a blast.

Find the Perfect Toy for the Right Age

- Consider your child's age and development when purchasing a toy or game. Read the instructions and warning labels to make sure it's just right for your child.
- Before you've settled on the perfect toy, check to make sure there aren't any small parts or other potential choking hazards.



Don't Forget a Helmet for Riding Toys

 If your children have their hearts set on a new bike, skateboard, scooter or other riding equipment, be sure to include a CPSC certified helmet to keep them safe while they're having fun.



 <u>Learn more</u> bike safety tips and watch our <u>helmet</u> <u>safety video</u>.

Store Toys After Play

 After play time is over, use a bin or container to store toys for next time. Make sure there are no holes or hinges that could catch little fingers.



Sign Up to Receive Product Recalls

- Safe Kids compiles product recalls specific to children and sends twice-monthly e-mail alerts for recent recalls. Sign-up for the <u>latest recall</u> information.
- Go to <u>www.recalls.gov</u> for additional information about product recalls related to kids.



In 2016, 174,100 children under the age of 15 years were seen in emergency rooms for toy-related injuries. That's 477 kids every day. Almost half of those children were younger than 5 years of age.

