

GIVE SAFE TOYS & GIFTS

FOR THE HOLIDAYS

THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND WHEN BUYING A GIFT

- Avoid presents with sharp edges, points, or spikes.
- Do not purchase crayons or markers without a clear “nontoxic” label.
- Avoid toys with shooting parts that can choke or cause injury, especially for children less than three years old.
- Steer clear of toys that could shatter or break into small debris upon impact. This also includes products that a child can pull apart easily.
- Include a helmet or other PPE if buying sports gear.
- Avoid toys with heating elements, ropes, or cords.
- Children young enough to put things in their mouths should not receive anything with magnets or buttons, which can be dangerous upon ingestion.
- Any item with removable parts that can fit inside a toilet paper roll poses a choking hazard.
- Ensure the toy is devoid of lead paint or any lead-based substances.



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ROOMS TREATED
ABOUT 224,200
TOY-RELATED
INJURIES IN 2019**



Checklist for Buying Safe Toys

- What toys are appropriate for their age?
- Do they have allergies or skin sensitivities?
- Do they have sensory issues that make some toys unfit (loud noises, flashing lights)?
- Are they physically and cognitively able to use the gift?
- If the toy is for outdoors, does the recipient have adequate space to use it?



**GIVE
SOMETHING
THEY'LL LOVE
THAT'S SAFE &
APPROPRIATE**

FOR MORE INFORMATION.



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<https://nphic.org/news/feature-d-topics/552-december-is-safe-toys-and-gifts-month>



Checklist for Parents and Caregivers

- Immediately discard wrapping and packaging.
 - Show your child how to use the toy safely.
 - Keep a close watch on your child while they're playing. This includes craft projects that involve scissors, glue, or other potentially hazardous materials.
 - Dispose of any toy that is broken or is missing parts.
 - Keep younger children from playing with toys intended for older siblings.
 - When not in use, store toys so that they do not cause falls or trips.
 - Make sure children use PPE that properly fits when playing with sports gear.
 - Throw away damaged or deflated balloons, which can choke or suffocate. Keep them away from kids younger than eight years old.
 - Ensure that only adults handle batteries and charge them because they might get hot and cause burns.
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