



KIDS IN DANGERSM



Holiday Shopping Safety Tips

The holiday is a very exciting time of the year for kids. Unfortunately, with recalled children's products in 2007 numbering in the millions, many parents and grandparents are anxious about purchasing safe products this holiday season. Use the tips below to shop safe:



Become a label reader. Read and heed all warning labels.



Select toys that suit the age, ability and interest level of the child.



Watch out for small or breakable parts.



Do not buy small toys or toys with small parts for children under the age of 3 as these toys are choking hazards. If a toy fits into a toilet paper tube, it is too small. Balloons and small balls are especially dangerous for young children.



Children often hold toys very close to their ears – making loud toys dangerous.



Unpainted wooden cloth toys are less likely than plastic and vinyl toys to be tainted with lead. Also avoid metal jewelry for children.



Do not give children under age eight toys that must be plugged into electrical outlets, to prevent electric shock or burns.



Small magnets in toys have caused one death and many serious injuries requiring surgery. Do not buy toys with magnets that may fall out or are small enough to be swallowed.

Check your products for recalls. Stay informed and sign-up for alerts at www.cpsc.gov.

**** Report all unsafe toys and toy related injuries to the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Visit www.KidsInDanger.org to sign up for email alerts and get more information.****



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