~ TIPS FOR ALL PARENTS ~

Buy children accessories for safety.
Toys such as bicycles, scooters, skateboards and inline skates are safer when children wear protective gear. If you plan to give any of these toys as gifts, make them safer by also giving a helmet, knee pads, elbow pads and wrist guards.

Stay informed of recalls.

REPORT A DANGEROUS TOY
The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has the authority to recall dangerous toys and products from the market. If you think a toy or product is hazardous, contact the CPSC and submit a report by:

Phone: 1-800-638-2772
Web: https://www.cpsc.gov/cgibin/incident.aspx
Email: info@cpsc.gov

FIND OUT MORE or GET INVOLVED
Visit www.ToySafety.net for more information on toy safety and to sign up for e-mail alerts.

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MAGNETIC TOYS With Powerful Magnets

Powerful magnets used in most magnetic building toys and magnetic jewelry pose special hazards. If a child swallows more than one magnet, they can attract each other in the body (in stomach and intestines) and cause life-threatening complications.

- Keep magnetic toys away from children under six.
- If a child swallows more than one magnet, seek immediate medical attention.

TOXIC CHEMICALS

Some children's toys and cosmetics may contain toxic chemicals.

- Avoid toys made of PVC plastic; choose unpainted wooden or cloth toys instead.
- Read the labels of play cosmetics and avoid products with xylene, toluene, or dibutyl phthalate.

LEAD

CPSC, PIRG and children's health groups have found high levels of lead paint on toys, as well as high levels of lead in vinyl lunchboxes and bibs and in children's or costume jewelry.

Children exposed to lead can suffer lower IQ, developmental delays or even death. All lead should be removed from a child's environment, especially lead jewelry and other toys that can be swallowed.

- To test a piece of jewelry for lead, use a home lead tester available at the hardware store. Or simply throw cheap, heavy metal jewelry away.
- Tell your children not to put their jewelry in their mouths.