

Every three minutes, a child is treated in a U.S. emergency room for a toy-related injury and because of this risk, it's important to share a few tips on how to make informed decisions when shopping for loved ones this holiday season.

Since toys should be fun, educational and safe, this toy guide is a great tool to review before shopping for children this season and beyond. Not only can you determine what has been recalled, but the guide also provides the steps you can take to ensure the product is repaired, replaced, or refunded. A complete list of recalled products can be found on the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) website.

You can try to protect your children from toy-related injuries but you can't always protect them from defective products. As part of our holiday consumer campaign to ensure all Michiganders protect their wallets and their children this season, our Consumer Protection team has put together yet another tool: The 2021 Dangerous Toys Guide.

If you have any questions about the information in this guide or a general consumer complaint, contact our Consumer Protection team by calling 877-765-8388 or file a complaint online.

Please have a safe holiday season!

Sincerely,





# **TOY SAFETY**

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 some toy safety tips to help them stay safe and have a blast.

- Consider your child's age when purchasing a toy or game. Read the instructions and warning labels to make sure the toy is just right for your child.
- Check to make sure there aren't any small parts or other potential choking hazards before you settle on the perfect toy.

**Ingestion and Choking Hazards:** From small parts included in toy sets, to game pieces, many toys are not safe for children 2 years old or younger.

Latex balloons are the main cause of toy-related choking fatalities in children.

**High-Powered Magnets**: Magnets of all types have posed risks to children for years. Some are part of toy building sets aimed at children as young as 3 years old, although some children that age don't know not to eat or inhale them.

The number of magnet ingestions reported to U.S. Poison Control Centers has gone up significantly since 2016 when a ban on small, high-powered magnet sets was lifted.

**Batteries:** Button batteries can be very dangerous causing severe internal burns and even death if ingested. Many small toys use button batteries as do other items such as remote controls, watches, key fobs, flameless candles, flashing decorations, and even musical greeting cards.

**Loud Noises:** Incredibly noisy toys played on repeat aren't just annoying, they can be harmful. Researchers found a toy fire truck for sale on Amazon noisy enough to potentially damage a child's hearing.

**Cords:** A cord can easily wrap around a young child's neck, causing strangulation. Once your child becomes mobile, remove crib gyms and hanging mobiles from crib.

## **ADDITIONAL TIPS**

- Choose age-appropriate toys and follow age limits on toy guides.
- Choose toys that match your child's interests and abilities.
- Check the <u>Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)</u> website to learn if a toy was recalled, especially when buying second hand or online.
- Educate your older children about toy safety and recruit them to help supervise younger children.
- If the child is under three, assume the toy or product will go in their mouth.
- · Always gift with appropriate safety gear that is sized to fit.
- Pay close attention to privacy settings on tablets or any toy that can record a child's voice.
- Remember: magnets go in a lot easier than they come out. Avoid toys with high-powered magnets.

# **CHECK FOR RECALLS**

Toys are recalled when they present a hazard for any reason, including choking, fire, burn, and laceration dangers.

- You can check for recalls on the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) website.
- You can also sign up for CPSC alerts about recalls of infant/child products.

# **2021 REPORTED TOY RECALLS**

Due to the extraordinary circumstances surrounding COVID-19, some of the remedies identified in recall announcements may not be available at this time. Please check with recalling firms for further details.

And please remember: CPSC and recalling firms urge consumers not to use recalled products.

# **USED ITEMS**

You may be interested to know that many toys and items on the safety recall list can still be found at resale and consignment shops, and also at yard sales, flea markets or given away for a charity event.

Consumers who frequent these shops need to be vigilant before purchasing a second-hand nursery product or toy second hand as some used products have caused injuries or even death.



### **CHILDREN'S SHAVING KIT**

September 9, 2021

Juratoys recalls the Janod Children's Shaving Kit due to the brown trim of the shaving kit bag containing levels of a regulated phthalate that exceed the prohibition of specific phthalates.

Banned phthalates are toxic if ingested by young children and cause adverse health issues.

Units: About 13,600.

REFUND (1)



# **Contact Juratoys:**

- 855-665-9287
- email



### **UPPABABY RUMBLESEAT**

June 30, 2021

UPPAbaby recalls the RumbleSeat accessory adapters designed to be used with the RumbleSeat.

The adaptors can detach, posing a fall hazard to the child in the set.

Units: About 86,000.

### REPLACE



## **Contact UPPAbaby:**

• 844-823-3132



# **CUTIE SPOOVEL**

August 26, 2021

Ryan and Rose recalls children's eating utensil due to a choking hazard.

The handle of the Cutie Spoovel utensil can break off releasing small parts, posing a choking hazard for young children.

Units: About 17,750.



### **TEETHER RINGS WITH PLUSH ATTACHMENTS**

August 18, 2021

Hallmark recalls Teether Rings with Decorative Fabric and Plush Attachments because the finished wooden ring can break into small parts, posing a choking hazard.

Units: About 15,500.

# REFUND (1)



# Contact Ryan and Rose:

- 800-317-8764
- email



### BACKYARD DISCOVERY BIG **BRUTUS. LITTLE BRUTUS** AND MINI BRUTUS METAL A-FRAME SWING SETS

May 13, 2021

Leisure Time Products recalls the swing sets because the attachment that connects the swing hanger to the top tube can fail, posing an injury hazard.

Units: About 9,000.





## **Contact Leisure Time Products:**

• 800-856-4445





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## Contact Hallmark:

• 800-425-5627



### SLAP WATCHES BY K&M **INTERNATIONAL**

August 18, 2021

Wild Republic recalls a variety of slap watches with coin cell batteries that are attached to the silicone bracelet as the coin battery inside the slap watches can fall out, posing battery ingestion and choking hazard to young children.

Units: About 463,000.





## **Contact Wild Republic:**

• 800-800-9678



# KOLCRAFT CUDDLE 'N CARE 2-IN-1 BASSINET

May 5, 2021

Kolcraft recalls the Cuddle
'n Care and the Preferred
Position 2-in-1 Bassinet &
Incline Sleepers because
infant fatalities have
been reported with other
manufacturers' inclined sleep
products, after the infants
rolled from their back to the
stomach or side, or under
other circumstances.

Units: About 51,000.





## Contact Kolcraft:

- 800-453-7673
- email



### **NEWBORN LOUNGERS**

**September 23, 2021** 

The Boppy Company recalls three lounger pillows as infants can suffocate if they roll, move, or are placed on the lounger in a position that obstructs breathing, or roll off the lounger onto an external surface, such as an adult pillow or soft bedding that obstructs breathing.

Units: About 3.3 million.

REFUND



# **Contact The Boppy Company:**

• 800-416-1355



# CLIP CLOP INFANT ACTIVITY RATTLES

**April 14, 2021** 

Playgro recalls the Infant
Activity Rattles due to choking
hazard.

The abacus ring on the horse's back can dislodge and release the small beads, posing a choking hazard to small children.

Units: About 18,000.





# **Contact Playgro:**

- 855-775-2947
- email



# LUXE SHERPA ANIMAL BATH WRAPS

April 7, 2021

RH recall involves three styles of hooded bath wraps: Animal, Heathered Plush, and Luxe Sharpa. The recalled bath wraps fail to meet flammability standards for children's sleepwear, posing a risk of burn injuries to children.

Units: About 55,700.





## Contact RH:

- 833-917-3405
- email

