



# 2019 DANGEROUS TOYS GUIDE

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 that we share a few tips on how to make informed decisions when shopping for our loved ones this holiday season.

Since toys should be fun, educational and safe, the [Consumer Product Safety Commission](#) (CPSC) publishes a running list of recalled products. This 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 what steps you can take to ensure the product is repaired, replaced, or refunded.

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 2019 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](#) ([mi.gov/agcomplaints](http://mi.gov/agcomplaints)).

Sincerely,

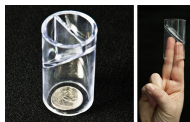
**ATTORNEY GENERAL**



## HAZARDS

Topping the list this year for the “10 Worst Toys” are projectile toys — like the “Nerf Ultra One” — and ride-on toys like the “Pogo Trick Board.” Projectile toys can fire with enough force to injure an eye and playing on ride-on toys can result in fatal head injuries.

Inspect toys for obvious hazards. For example, if a toy has small parts, it can likely be a choking hazard for a child.



The CPSC defines “small parts” as anything less than 1.25 inches wide, which is the size of an average three-year-old’s throat — slightly wider than a quarter or two fingers.

The toilet paper roll test is no longer used since many rolls are wider and longer than the CPSC standard.

The CPSC’s small parts tester is 2.5 inches long and 1.25 inches wide.

Look for these classic toy dangers:

- Strings
- Projectiles
- Toxic substances
- Rigid or sharp materials; and
- Inaccurate warnings and labels.

Additional tips and products to watch for include:

## RIDE-ON TOYS

Injuries from ride-on toys are the leading cause of toy-related injuries.

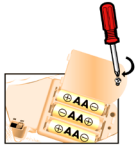


Supervision is key with younger children. Never gift a ride-on toy without also gifting appropriate safety gear like a helmet, knee pads, or reflector.

Be a good role model. If you want your children to wear a bike helmet, start by wearing yours each time you ride.



## TOYS WITH BATTERIES



For children three and under, any toy with any size battery should have a compartment sealed with a screw or some sort of dual-action mechanism that can't be undone without a screwdriver or coin.

Toys with button cell batteries are also a big risk for kids under eight. If ingested, the battery can leak and cause damage to a child's internal organs and cause severe chemical burns.

## BALLOONS



Balloons cause more choking deaths in children than any other nonfood product and are second only to ride-on toys for toy-related deaths.

Ingesting deflated or broken pieces of a balloon — or any small piece of plastic wrap or cellophane — can seal off the air passageway and suffocate a young child. Consider large mylar balloons as they are difficult to inhale. Additionally, mylar balloons generally do not leave small fragments when they pop.

## NOISE HAZARDS



Loud noises can be harmful to young children as their hearing isn't fully developed. Make sure the direction of a speaker is always facing away from the child. If it sounds loud to you, it's too loud for a young child.

## MAGNETS



High-powered magnets and children are a deadly mix that can cause serious, even fatal, internal injuries. Adolescents and teens who wear magnetic jewelry risk serious injury if they swallow two or more of these magnets

because they will reconnect if swallowed. The magnets can perforate the intestines and require surgery to remove. [For more information, review the CSPC's Magnets Information Center.](#)

## SMART AND CONNECTED TOYS



Smart toys come with microphones, cameras, GPS options, and privacy and security risks.

Anytime you connect to the internet, data is collected. If your data is poorly secured, it can be hacked.

Even worse, your child's personal security is also at risk. One consumer group cautioned parents to "imagine a scenario where someone connects to the toy and streams instructional or manipulative messages to a child — like asking them to go out to the [front yard] — as a precursor to an abduction attempt."

The Attorney General suggests these security steps:

- Understand what information is collected, and how it will be used, shared, stored and secured.
- If the toy collects personal data from a child who is under 13 years old, then the toy company must tell you about its privacy practices, ask for your consent, protect and secure collected data and give you the right to have your child's personal information deleted.
- Change the toy's default passwords and use the security settings to prevent data-gathering and tracking, or camera and microphone use by third-party applications.
- If connecting a toy to a home wireless network, make sure that network is secure, or consider a "guest network" on your personal WiFi to protect your personal data if hacked.
- Disable the toy's ability to connect to other networks.
- Talk to your children about internet safety.

## ADDITIONAL TIPS

- Choose age-appropriate toys and follow age limits on toy guides.
- Choose toys that match your child's interests and abilities.
- Check [cspc.gov](http://cspc.gov) to learn if a toy has been recalled, especially when buying second hand or from an online site.
- 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 this: magnets go in a lot easier than they come out. Avoid toys and products with high-powered magnets.



## RECALLS

The number of recalls for toys and products designed for children is trending downward. The number of toy-related injuries remains concerning with the CPSC reporting 166,200 toy-related emergency department-treated injuries and 17 deaths to children younger than 15 in 2018. Beware, some retailers – especially resellers and discount chains – may continue to sell recalled products.



### ALL-GLOO CRAFT GLUE

October 30, 2019

[New Port Sales recalls its All-Gloo Craft Glue](#)

because it contains methanol and poses a poisoning hazard to children if ingested.

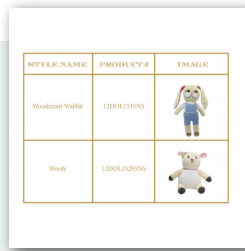
**Units: About 46,000.**

**REFUND** ↓



Contact New Port Sales:

- 787-793-6201
- email



### HANDMADE KNIT DOLLS

September 3, 2019

[Beaufort Bonnet Company](#)

recalls its Handmade Knit Dolls because a sewing needle was discovered in the stuffing of one of the dolls, posing a puncture injury hazard.

**Units: About 4,500.**

**REFUND** ↓



Contact Beaufort Bonnet Company:

- 833-964-1456
- email



### CONNECTING BATH TOYS

August 29, 2019

[Pearhead recalls its Ubbi Connecting Bath Toys](#)

because they can break and create a sharp point, posing laceration and choking hazards to young children.

**Units: About 6,200.**

**REFUND/REPLACE** ↓



Contact Pearhead:

- 718-422-0592
- email



### KIDS WATER BOTTLES

August 27, 2019

[Contigo recalls its Kids Cleanable Water Bottles](#)

because the bottle's clear silicone spout can detach, posing a choking hazard to children.

**Units: About 6,200.**

**REPLACE** ↓



Contact Contigo:

- 888-262-0622



### ACTIVITY PUSH WALKERS

August 20, 2019

[Crate and Barrel recalls its Activity Push Walkers](#)

because they can break and expose sharp points and small parts, posing choking and laceration hazards to small children.

**Units: About 1,500.**

**REFUND** ↓



Contact Crate and Barrel:

- 800-451-8217



### INCLINED SLEEPERS

July 31, 2019

[Dorel Juvenile Group USA recalls inclined sleepers](#)

because infants can roll from their back to their stomach or side while unrestrained causing a suffocation risk.

**Units: About 24,000.**

**REFUND** ↓



Contact Dorel:

- 812-373-6673
- email



### KICKSTER BIKES

July 24, 2019

[Trek recalls its Kickster Bikes](#)

because the steer tube clamp on the bike can break, posing a fall hazard to children.

**Units: About 11,560**

**REPAIR** ↓



Contact Trek:

- 800-373-4594



### DISNEY'S FORKY

July 8, 2019

[Disney recalls the Forky 11" Plush Toys](#)

because the "googly" plastic eyes on the toy can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

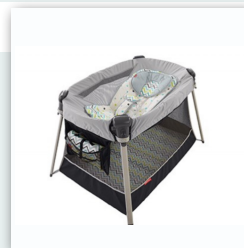
**Units: About 80,000.**

**REFUND** ↓



Contact Disney:

- 866-537-7649
- email



### DAY & NIGHT PLAY YARDS

June 27, 2019

[Fisher-Price recalls inclined sleeper accessories included with all models of its Ultra-Lite Day & Night Play Yards](#)

because infant fatalities have been reported.

**Units: About 71,000.**

**REFUND** ↓



Contact Fisher-Price:

- 800-432-5437



### IGLOO COOLERS

May 8, 2019

[Igloo recalls its Marine Elite Coolers](#)

because the latch can automatically lock when closed, allowing a child to become trapped inside the airtight container.

**Units: About 1,500.**

**REPAIR** ↓



Contact Igloo:

- 866-509-3503



### ROCKING SLEEPERS

April 26, 2019

[Kids II recalled all models of their Rocking Sleepers](#) due to infant fatalities occurring after infants rolled from their back to their stomach while unrestrained causing a suffocation risk.  
**Units: 694,000.**  
**REFUND** ↓



### WOODEN TRAIN CARTS

April 23, 2019

[Flying Tiger Copenhagen recalled its Wooden Train Carts](#) because a small part can come loose, posing a choking hazard.  
**Units: 2,200.**  
**REFUND** ↓



### WOODEN TOY VEHICLES

April 18, 2019

[Target recalled its Bullseye's Playground Wooden Toy Vehicles](#) because the wheels can detach, posing a choking hazard.  
**Units: 495,000.**  
**REFUND** ↓



### ROCK 'N PLAY SLEEPERS

April 12, 2019


[Fisher-Price recalled all models of their Rock 'n Play Sleepers](#) due to infant fatalities occurring after infants rolled from their back to their stomach or side while unrestrained causing a suffocation risk.  
**Units: 4.7 million.**  
**REFUND** ↓




### BARBIE DREAM CAMPERS

February 5, 2019


[Fisher-Price recalls its Children's Power Wheels Barbie Dream Campers](#) because they can continue to run after the foot pedal is released, posing an injury hazard.  
**Units: About 44,000.**  
**REPAIR** ↓




Contact Kids II:  
• 866-869-7954




Contact Flying Tiger Copenhagen:  
• 844-350-0560  
• email



Contact Target:  
• 800-440-0680



Contact Fisher-Price:  
• 866-812-6518



Contact Fisher-Price:  
• 800-348-0751

