

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 toyrelated 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 2020 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).

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 cspc.gov 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.

#### **2020 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.



### RON JON SURF SHOP SIPPY CUP

October 28, 2020

Porter World Trade recalls the Ron Jon Surf Sippy Cup because the plastic characters contain levels of lead that exceed the federal lead content and are toxic if ingested by young children.

Units: About 9,700.



### MORFBOARD® SKATE & SCOOT

October 21, 2020

Jakks Pacific recalls to repair its Morfboard® Skate & Scoot Scooters because the "Y" shaped handlebar joint can break causing a fall hazard.

Units: About 162,300.



# **SUPER SOAKER** XP 20 & XP 30

August 19, 2020

Hasbro recalls both
the Super Soaker XP
20 and XP 30 Water
Blasters because the
decorative sticker on
the water tanks contain
levels of lead in the ink
that exceed the federal
lead content and are
toxic if ingested by
young children.

Units: About 52,900.
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## THULE SLEEK STROLLER

August 12, 2020

Thule recalls the
Thule Sleek Stroller
because the handlebar
can detach, posing
an injury hazard to
children.

Units: About 4,000.



### SALT LOUNGE CHAIRS

October 21, 2020

Bed Bath & Beyond recalls the SALT Lounge Chair because the locking mechanism on the frame can disengage posing a fall hazard.

Units: About 10,000.

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### Contact Porter World Trade:

- 800-282-2777
- email

### REPAIR 🕛



### Contact Jakks Pacific:

- 855-602-5464
- website

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### Contact Hasbro Inc:

- 888-664-3323
- email

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### Contact Thule:

- 855-929-3531
- email

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### Contact Bed Bath & Beyond:

- 800-462-3966
- website



# GO FORWARD CARRIER

### **February 6, 2020**

Infantino recalls Go
Forward 4-in-1 Evolved
Ergonomic, Flip
Front2back and Up
Close Newborn Infant
Carriers because the
buckles on the carrier
can break posing a fall
hazard.

Units: About 14,000.



# GRACO LITTLE LOUNGER SEAT

### January 29, 2020

Graco recalls Little
Lounger Rocking
Seat to prevent risk
of suffocation. Infant
fatalities have been
reported after infants
rolled from their back
to their stomach or
side.

Units: About 111,000.



### MANHATTAN BALL

### July 22, 2020

Manhattan Toy recalls
Manhattan Ball
activity toy because
the plastic tubes can
detach from the center
ball and release the
small silicone teethers
that are threaded on
the tubes, causing a
choking hazard.

Units: About 22,100.



### TEETHING SPOONS

### June 11, 2020

Bonnsu recalls
Miniware Teething
Spoons because the
spoon can break inside
a child's mouth when
used as a teether
posing a choking
hazard.

Units: About 32,200.



# CHILDREN'S GROCERY CART

### February 27, 2020

Step2 recalls Children's Grocery Shopping Carts because the cart's basket can break into sharp pieces posing a laceration hazard.

Units: About 17,000.

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Contact Infantino

- 800-840-4916
- <u>email</u>

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Contact Graco

- 800-345-4109
- <u>website</u>

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Contact Manhattan Toy

- 800-541-1345
- email

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Contact Bonnsu

- 855-334-8129
- <u>email</u>

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Contact Step2

- 800-347-8372
- <u>website</u>

