

Playing is fun. Injuries aren't! Here are a few tips to keep children safe.

TOY SAFETY TIPS



Choose the Right Toy for the Right Age

- Read labels and always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Match toys to a child's age, interests and skill.
- Keep toys for older children out of reach of babies and toddlers.
- Never buy or give away broken or recalled toys.

Keep Children Safe

Toys can choke, strangle or suffocate

- Throw away flat or popped balloons and plastic wrappings.
- Keep toys and household items with long cords, strings or beads away from young children.
- Do not let young children play with marbles, plastic bags or toys that have small or loose parts.

Toys can burn or shock

- Watch children closely when they play with toys that are electrical or come with chargers and adapters.

Toys can be poisonous or cause internal injuries

- Do not let children mouth or swallow adult jewelry, novelty items, small batteries or magnets. Adult jewelry and novelty items can contain lead or other heavy metals.

Toys can cut or injure

- Avoid toys with sharp edges, points, prongs and exposed wires. Darts, air rockets and other toys that fly through the air can cause eye injuries.



Promote Safe Riding

- **Wear a helmet.** Everyone should, and it's the law for children 13 and younger.
- **Ride safely.** Follow the rules of the road. Children 12 and younger are allowed to ride on the sidewalk.

Learn More

- New York City Health Department: Call 311 or visit nyc.gov and search "Healthy Homes"
- U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission: www.recalls.gov
- New York State Department of Health: www.health.ny.gov/environmental/children/recalls.htm
- New York City's Vision Zero Traffic Safety Initiative: www.nyc.gov/visionzero