

Toy Safety

Make Sure Your Child's Toys Are Safe



1. Offer children toys to play with that fit their age and development- you wouldn't want a young toddler playing with small Legos™ that could easily be swallowed
2. Here are some safety tips to help you to keep your child playing safely:
 - ✓ Every once in a while check your child's toys for damage- broken plastic can have very sharp edges, small pieces could pull loose and be easily swallowed
 - ✓ Encourage your child to put toys away when he/she is finished playing with them so he/she won't trip and fall over them
 - ✓ Loud noises can be even louder in the house and can cause permanent damage- if your child must play with loud toys only allow them to be played with outside
 - ✓ Infants and young children should be kept away from toys with cords and strings that can strangle them; never hang looping strings or ribbons over a crib and remember to take crib toys down when your child is old enough to start pulling on them
 - ✓ Children under the age of 3 should not play with toys that have small, removable objects that they could put into their mouths to be swallowed
 - ✓ Children under the age of 8 should not be allowed to play with toys that have sharp glass or metal edges that they may cut themselves on; avoid toys with sharp points that children may fall on
 - ✓ Toys that shoot things can be very dangerous- always have an adult present when your child plays with them
3. These are just a few of the many toy safety tips- ask your health care provider for more information



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