

RAFTING CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

# TOY SAFETY *Tips*



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# Toy Safety *Purchasing Tips*

*Each year, approximately 3 billion toys are sold in the United States. While meant to be fun and entertaining, some toys can be dangerous. Please make responsible selections when purchasing gifts for children. Below are some guidelines that will help you make those purchasing decisions and keep children safe.*

Read instructions and warnings on the packaging.

Buy age-appropriate toys.

Listen to toys that make noise to be sure the sound will not frighten the child. Loud noise can damage a child's inner ear and cause hearing loss. Damage can occur during a short period of time or by a toy being loud over an extended period.

Avoid toys with sharp or rigid points and dangerous edges.

Avoid marbles, balls, and games with balls that have a diameter of 1.75 inches or less for children under age 3.

Avoid toys with small parts that present a choking hazard for young children.

Separate older and younger children's toys in your household. Younger children love to play with their older siblings' toys, which may contain small parts that could become choking hazards.

Look for art materials, including crayons and paint sets, marked with the designation "ASTM D-4236." This means the product has been reviewed by a toxicologist.

Toys made of fabric should be labeled as flame-resistant or flame-retardant.

Stuffed toys should be washable.





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*Toxic substances include chemicals that can adversely affect a child's development and have been linked, in at least one form, to cancer. Toxic substances include lead (found in batteries, plastics, and radiation shielding) and baron (found in some store-bought slimes).*



## Tips (continued)

Be aware of any strings and straps. They could strangle small children.

Demonstrate how to use the toy safely.

Secure all batteries firmly so they are not accessible.

Provide supervision.

Used or older toys, even hand-me-downs, may not meet current safety standards.

If you purchase a toy with wheels for a child of any age, such as a bicycle, skateboard, scooter, or tricycle, buy a helmet too.

Inspect all toys for safe construction.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

[Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association](#)

[Toy Industry Association](#)

[Consumer Product Safety Commission](#)

## REFERENCES

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