

Playing is fun. Injuries are not! 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 skills.
- 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, jewelry and household items with long cords, strings or beads away from young children.
- Do not let young children play with marbles, plastic bags, or teething products and 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 swallow or put jewelry, toys, souvenirs, button batteries or magnets in their mouth. Some jewelry, toys and souvenirs can contain lead or other heavy metals harmful to health.

### 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 is the law for children 13 years old and younger.
- **Ride safely.** Follow the rules of the road. Children 12 years old and younger are allowed to ride on the sidewalk.

## Learn More

- New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene: Call **311** or visit [nyc.gov](http://nyc.gov) and search for **Healthy Homes**.
- U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission: [recalls.gov](http://recalls.gov)
- New York State Department of Health: [health.ny.gov/environmental/children/recalls](http://health.ny.gov/environmental/children/recalls)
- New York City's Vision Zero Traffic Safety Initiative: [nyc.gov/visionzero](http://nyc.gov/visionzero)