

# Safe Holidays are Happy Holidays!

Remember to take toy safety precautions



**Is the toy right for your child's age?** Look for the "recommended label" sticker on toys to be sure a toy is appropriate for your child.

**Is the toy too small?** Toys should be bigger than a child's mouth to avoid choking. Try the "toilet paper roll" test - if a toy fits inside the roll, it's too small and unsafe.

**Is the toy in good condition?** Older toys may be worn or falling apart. Check for buttons, batteries, ribbons and plastic that can be chewed or snapped off.

**Is the toy's string long?** Strings longer than 12 inches can wrap around a child's neck. Remove strings and straps such as toy guitar straps, necklaces or ribbons before giving them to young children.

**Does the toy have magnets?** Magnets may fall out of toys and can be swallowed. Keep toys with magnets away from kids 5 and under.

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