

Attachment A. 2006 Summary of Toy Hazards and Examples of Potentially Dangerous Toys

- Potential Choking Hazards -

Standards

Under the Child Safety Protection Act (CSPA) and Consumer Product Safety Commission rules:

- Toys intended for children under three are banned if they contain small parts or easily break into pieces that are small parts.
- Toys intended for children between the ages of three and six years old that contain small parts must include an explicit choke hazard warning with precise statutory language.
- Any small ball or toy that contains a small ball must meet a stricter safety test and include an explicit choke hazard warning.
- Marbles or toy with marbles must include an explicit choke hazard warning.
- All balloons must include a warning about the dangers of uninflated or broken balloons to children younger than 8 years of age.

Examples of Toys that Pose Potential Choking Hazards

- TOYS FOR CHILDREN UNDER 3 CONTAINING SMALL PARTS -

Toys intended for children under three are banned if they contain small parts or easily break into pieces that are small parts.



Category: May violate ban on small parts in toys intended for children under 3.

Toy Name: Kid Connection Mini Activity Cube

Manufacturer: Wal-Mart Stores

Item Number: 31306

Problem: Shaped pegs that move along curves can come out, posing a choking hazard. Labeled for ages 2 and up.



Category: May violate ban on small parts in toys intended for children under 3.

Toy Name: Play It Sharp Wooden Noise Maker

Manufacturer: Greenbrier International

Item Number: 864898

Problem: Wooden stick in middle of the toy breaks apart easily into small parts. Labeled for ages 2 and up.



Category: May violate ban on small parts in toys intended for children under 3.

Toy Name: You & Me Wintertime Baby

Manufacturer: Geoffrey

Item Number: 87406

Problem: Eyeglasses break into small parts that fit in the choke tube; toy also contains a small ball attached by a string. Labeled for ages 2 and up.



Category: May violate ban on small parts in toys intended for children under 3.

Toy Name: Baby I'm Yours Doll Clothing

Manufacturer: Target Corporation

Item Number: 44459 55003

Problem: Pearls on baby booties fit in choke tube and are attached by a few threads; may fail "use and abuse" test. Labeled for ages 2 and up.



Category: May violate ban on small parts in toys intended for children under 3.

Toy Name: My First Baby Annabell

Manufacturer: Zapf Creations

Item Number: 760914

Problem: Pacifier fits in choke tube and is attached by a few threads; could fail "use and abuse" test. Child could put pacifier in mouth. Labeled for ages 1 and up.



Category: May violate ban on small parts in toys intended for children under 3.

Toy Name: Playtime Babies Triplets (Dari, Danielle, & Darren)

Manufacturer: Cititoy Inc.

Item Number: 74351

Problem: Pacifiers fit in choke tube. Pacifiers are attached to dolls by a few threads; may fail "use and abuse" test. Child could put pacifier in her mouth. Labeled for ages 2 and up.



Category: May violate ban on small parts in toys intended for children under 3.

Toy Name: Sassy Pet Saks “Magic Carpet” and Assorted Others

Manufacturer: Douglas Company

Item Number: 2067

Problem: “Magic Carpet” Sassy Pet Sak has rhinestone sewn on with a few threads; may fail “use and abuse” test. Several varieties of the toy contain small parts sewn on to the bag. Labeled for ages 18 months and up.



Category: May violate ban on small parts in toys intended for children under 3.

Toy Name: “I Love My...” (Rabbit, Puppy, Kitten, Duckling) foam books; “Dinosaur Loveables” (T-Rex, Stegosaurus, Velociraptor, Pterodactyl) foam books; “Loveable Learning” (Shapes, Colors, Numbers, Opposites) foam books

Manufacturer: Paradise Press

Item Number: “I Love My...” series (86943 00796); “Dinosaur Loveables” series (86943 00491); “Loveable Learning” series (86943 00492).

Problem: Foam velcro tabs rip off easily and fit in choke tube. Labeled with non-statutory choke hazard warning, but has play value for children under 3. According to the *Manufacturers’ Abbreviated Guide for Age Labeling Toys*, books with easy-to-turn cloth or cardboard pages with bright primary colors are appropriate for children as young as 7 months if they contain familiar objects.



Category: May violate ban on small parts in toys intended for children under 3.

Toy Name: Animal Pal Books (This Little Piggy, Itsy Bitsy Spider, Cuddles the Cow, Teddy Bear)

Manufacturer: Playmore Publishers and Waldman Publishing

Item Number: 70097 00215

Problem: Foam velcro tabs rip off easily and fit in choke tube. Labeled with non-statutory choke hazard warning, but has play value for children under 3. According to the *Manufacturers’ Abbreviated Guide for Age Labeling Toys*, books with easy-to-turn cloth or cardboard pages with bright primary colors are appropriate for children as young as 7 months if they contain familiar objects.



Category: May violate ban on small parts in toys intended for children under 3.

Toy Name: Bonnie Bear Magnetic Writing Board

Manufacturer: Bazic/Bangkit USA

Item Number: 1834

Problem: Small drawing tools fit in choke tube. Toy could have play value for children under 3. According to the *Manufacturers’ Abbreviated Guide for Age Labeling Toys*, chalkboards are appropriate for children as young as 25 months. The writing board is similar in concept to a chalkboard.



Category: May violate ban on small parts in toys intended for children under 3.

Toy Name: Music Machines Music Mic Set

Manufacturer: Symak Sales

Item Number: 9988

Problem: Whistle fits in choke tube. Toy has choke hazard warning, but toy could have play value for children under 3. According to the *Manufacturers' Abbreviated Guide for Age Labeling Toys*, rhythm instruments and novelty horns and whistles are appropriate for children as young as 25 months.



Category: May violate ban on small parts in toys intended for children under 3.

Toy Name: Magnetic Letters, Numbers, Shapes

Manufacturer: Greenbrier International

Item Number: 360248

Problem: Magnets come out and fit in choke tube; some letters fit in choke tube. Has choke hazard warning, but may have play value for children under 3. According to the *Manufacturers' Abbreviated Guide for Age Labeling Toys*, “simple...teaching toys for matching/sorting, shapes, colors, letters/sounds, numbers/concepts” are appropriate for children ages 25-36 months. (Note: This type of refrigerator magnet generally does not contain the powerful magnets discussed in the “Magnetic Toys” section of this report.)



Category: May violate ban on small parts in toys intended for children under 3.

Toy Name: Foam Numbers

Manufacturer: Unknown

Item Number: KK603

Problem: Small parts of foam toy fit in choke tube. Toy has choke hazard warning, but toy could have play value for children under 3. According to the *Manufacturers' Abbreviated Guide for Age Labeling Toys*, “simple...teaching toys for matching/sorting, shapes, colors, letters/sounds, numbers/concepts” are appropriate for children ages 25-36 months. In addition, toys for the bathtub are “commonly recognized” for children under age 3.



Category: May violate ban on small parts in toys intended for children under 3.

Toy Name: Stick-N-Learn in the Tub Bath Book

Manufacturer: Greenbrier International

Item Number: 838882

Problem: Foam pieces break apart easily into small parts. Includes choke hazard warning, but may have play value for children under 3. According to the *Manufacturers' Abbreviated Guide for Age Labeling Toys*, books with easy-to-turn cloth or cardboard pages with bright primary colors are appropriate for children as young as 7 months if they contain familiar objects and animals. In addition, toys for the bathtub are “commonly recognized” for children under age 3.¹²⁵



Category: May violate ban on small parts in toys intended for children under 3.

Toy Name: Slinky Brand Party Set

Manufacturer: James Industries

Item Number: 8503

Problem: Play silverware breaks into small parts. Has choke hazard warning, but may have play value for children under 3. According to the *Manufacturers' Abbreviated Guide for Age Labeling Toys*, “unbreakable dishes” are appropriate for children between the ages of 13-18 months. Tea sets are most appropriate for children at least 19 months old.



Category: May violate ban on small parts in toys intended for children under 3.

Toy Name: “Lovely Monkey” Rattle and Pull Toy

Manufacturer: Unknown

Item Number: KW9727

Problem: Ornaments on wheel fall off and fit in choke tube. Toy has a choke hazard warning, but rattles and pull toys are “commonly recognized” for children under 3.¹²⁶



Category: May violate ban on small parts in toys intended for children under 3.

Toy Name: Expressions 30 Piece Hair Accessory Set

Manufacturer: Almar Sales

Item Number: 878772

Problem: Hair clips fit in choke tube. Product is intended for infants and children under 3. Children’s accessories, such as barrettes, are exempt from the small parts regulation because they need to be small to perform their intended purpose.¹²⁷ These items, however, are marketed for infants without any warning that they could pose a choking hazard.



Category: May violate ban on small parts in toys intended for children under 3.

Toy Name: Assorted Claire’s Club Baby Hair Bands and Elastics (those with hard plastic jewels, hearts, and other attachments)

Manufacturer: CBI Distributing

Item Number: 91349-1, 37504-8, 47975-8, 91847-4

Problem: Plastic jewels, hearts, flowers and other attachments on hair bands can pop off and fit in choke tube. The CSPA exempts children’s accessories, such as barrettes, from the small parts regulation because they need to be small to perform their intended purpose.¹²⁸ These items, however, are marketed for infants (“Claire’s Club Baby”) and contain non-essential and decorative small parts without any warning that they could pose a choking hazard.

- TOYS THAT MAY NOT MEET CSPA LABELING REQUIREMENTS -

Toys intended for children between the ages of three and six years old that contain small parts must include an explicit choke hazard warning with precise statutory language. Any small ball or toy that contains a small ball must meet a stricter safety test and include an explicit choke hazard warning. Any marble must include an explicit choke hazard warning.



Category: Potential CSPA labeling violation

Toy Name: Hot Wheels Rev-Ups Speed Shifters

Manufacturer: Mattel

Item Number: Asst. J7107

Problem: The rubber tires pop off easily and fit in the choke tube. The toy has play value for children under 6. Packaging includes a non-statutory choke hazard warning (“Small parts may be generated”).



Category: Potential CSPA labeling violation

Toy Name: Hot Wheels Monster Jam El Toro Loco

Manufacturer: Mattel

Item Number: 53533

Problem: Horns on the truck twist/break off; may fail “use and abuse” test. Labeled for ages 3 and up. Packaging includes a non-statutory choke hazard warning (“Small parts may be generated”).



Category: Potential CSPA labeling violation

Toy Name: Tonka Lights & Sound Rescue Helicopter

Manufacturer: Funrise International

Item Number: 5587

Problem: Silver hook comes off easily and fits in choke tube. Labeled for ages 3 and up. No choke hazard warning.



Category: Potential CSPA labeling violation

Toy Name: Hot Zone Die-Cast Metal & Plastic Free Wheel (Yellow Truck with Crane)

Manufacturer: Maisto International/KB Holdings

Item Number: 15001

Problem: Hook at end of crane detaches easily and fits in choke tube. Labeled for ages 3 and up. No choke hazard warning.



Category: Potential CSPA labeling violation
Toy Name: Disney “Cars” the Movie character car, “Mater”
Manufacturer: Mattel
Item Number: H6408

Problem: Rigging in back of truck breaks into small parts, may fail “use and abuse” test. Labeled for ages 3 and up. Packaging includes a non-statutory choke hazard warning (“Small parts may be generated”).



Category: Potential CSPA labeling violation
Toy Name: Aurora Stuffed Dog “Fergie”
Manufacturer: Aurora World
Item Number: 30365

Problem: Pearl necklace and rhinestone on wrist corsage fit in choke tube. Has play value for children under 6. No choke hazard warning.



Category: Potential CSPA labeling violation
Toy Name: Fisher Price Loving Family Laundry Room
Manufacturer: Mattel/Fisher Price
Item Number: H7216

Problem: Toy bears fit in choke tube; attached to string and piece of cloth that would not prevent choking. Labeled for ages 3 and up. Packaging includes a non-statutory choke hazard warning (“Small parts may be generated”).



Category: Potential CSPA labeling violation
Toy Name: Build-a-Bear Workshop “Accessory Me” Beary Princess
Manufacturer: Creative Designs International
Item Number: 87138

Problem: Heart locket detaches easily and fits in choke tube. Labeled for ages 3 and up. Packaging includes a non-statutory choke hazard warning (“Not suitable for children under 36 months due to small parts.”)



Category: Potential CSPA labeling violation
Toy Name: 1st Note Kazoo
Manufacturer: Trophy Music Company
Item Number: FN120

Problem: Kazoo cap detaches easily and fits in choke tube. Packaging only says “Not intended for children under 3 years of age.” No choke hazard warning.



Category: Potential CSPA labeling violation

Toy Name: Claire's Rings and Bracelets

Manufacturer: CBI Distributing

Item Number: 81256-0

Problem: Rings fit in choke tube and have play value for children under 6. No choke hazard warning.



Category: Potential CSPA labeling violation

Toy Name: Claire's Novelty Rings

Manufacturer: CBI Distributing

Item Number: 16920-1, 30265-3

Problem: Rings fit in choke tube and have play value for children under 6. No choke hazard warning.



Category: Potential CSPA labeling violation

Toy Name: 12 Pack Fancy Rings Party Favors

Manufacturer: Unknown

Item Number: PI-470

Problem: Toy rings fit in choke tube and have play value for children under 6. No choke hazard warning.



Category: Potential CSPA labeling violation

Toy Name: Nature Trail Butterfly Net (version with butterfly antennae on top)

Manufacturer: Ja-ru

Item Number: 475

Problem: Antennae twist off easily and fit in choke tube; may fail "use and abuse" testing. Labeled for ages 4 and up. No choke hazard warning.



Category: Potential CSPA labeling violation

Toy Name: Sunny 102 Marbles

Manufacturer: Unknown

Item Number: 892096 279035

Problem: Toy contains marbles. No choke hazard warning.



Category: Potential CSPA labeling violation

Toy Name: Skillfully-Connecting Links of Gears Creative Gear Set

Manufacturer: Unknown

Item Number: BL-3399

Problem: Some of the gears fit in the choke tube. Product labeled for ages 4 and up. No choke hazard warning.

- TOYS THAT CONTAIN NEAR SMALL PARTS -

These products contain toy parts that almost fit in the choke test tube or spherical objects that fail the small ball test. Although these toys do not violate the letter of the law, these parts could block a child's airway given their shape and size. Children have died on similarly-sized toys that pass the choke tube test.



Category: Near Small Parts

Toy Name: Bob the Builder “Hard at Work” Collectible Character Pack

Manufacturer: RC2 Brands/Learning Curve

Item Number: 65121

Problem: Toy boulders are spherical and fail the small ball test. Labeled for ages 3 and up. No choke hazard warning; CSPA does not require a warning because the spherical boulders are not “balls” by definition.



Category: Near Small Parts

Toy Name: Home Depot Light & Sound Air Wrench

Manufacturer: Geoffrey

Item Number: 50158

Problem: Toy screws are similar in shape to Playskool plastic nails that became lodged in the throats of two children, causing their deaths.^d Labeled for ages 3 and up. No choke hazard warning; CSPA does not require a warning because the toys do not fit in the choke test cylinder.



Category: Near Small Parts

Toy Name: Thomas & Friends “Cranky the Crane”

Manufacturer: RC2 Brands/Learning Curve

Item Number: LC76356

Problem: Orange cylinders barely pass small parts test. Toy is labeled for ages 3 and up. No choke hazard warning; CSPA does not require a warning because the toys do not fit entirely in the choke test cylinder. Includes non-statutory language that says: “Not suitable for children under 36 months, may contain small parts.”



Category: Near Small Parts

Toy Name: Thomas & Friends Timber Yard Portable Playset

Manufacturer: RC2 Brands/Learning Curve

Item Number: LC76503

Problem: Log halves barely pass small parts test. Toy is labeled for ages 3 and up. No choke hazard warning; CSPA does not require a warning because the toys do not fit entirely in the choke test cylinder. Includes non-statutory language that says: “Not suitable for children under 36 months, may contain small parts.”

^d CPSC, “Playskool Voluntarily Recalls Toy Tool Benches after the Death of Two Toddlers,” September 22, 2006.



Category: Near Small Parts

Toy Name: Take Along Bob the Builder Muck the Dump Truck

Manufacturer: RC2 Brands/Learning Curve

Item Number: 65107A3

Problem: Magnetic timber log almost fits in choke tube. Toy is labeled for ages 3 and up. No choke hazard warning; CSPA does not require a warning because the toys do not fit entirely in the choke test cylinder.



Category: Near Small Parts

Toy Name: Just Like Home Play Food

Manufacturer: Geoffrey

Item Number: 96473

Problem: French fries barely pass small parts test. Children more likely to put play food in their mouths. Labeled for ages 3 and up. No choke hazard warning; CSPA does not require a warning because the toys do not fit entirely in the choke test cylinder.



Category: Near Small Parts

Toy Name: Haba Wooden Eggs and Other Play Food

Manufacturer: Haba

Item Number: 13688 (eggs), 13749 (tomato)

Problem: Toy eggs and tomato are spherical and fail the small ball test. Children more likely to put play food in their mouths. No choke hazard warning; CSPA does not require a warning because the spherical food items are not “balls” by definition.



Category: Near Small Parts

Toy Name: Lincoln Logs Frontier Firehouse, Frontier Sheriff's Office

Manufacturer: Hasbro

Item Number: 934, 932

Problem: Smallest log almost fits in choke tube. Toy is labeled for ages 3 and up. No choke hazard warning; CSPA does not require a warning because the toys do not fit entirely in the choke test cylinder.



Category: Near Small Parts

Toy Name: Baby Buddy Pacifier Holder

Manufacturer: Baby Buddies

Item Number: 100

Problem: Toy bear almost fit in choke tube; intended for use by infant.

- BALLOONS -

All balloons must include a warning about the dangers of uninflated or broken balloons to children younger than 8 years of age.



Category: Balloons

Toy Name: 1st Birthday Girl/1st Birthday Boy/Happy 1st Birthday Balloons

Manufacturer: Amscan

Item Number: 111012 (Girl), 111016 (Boy), 117016 & 117017 (Happy 1st Birthday)

Problem: Children under 8 years can choke or suffocate on uninflated or broken balloons. The product includes the statutory choke hazard warning, but these balloons are intended for use by children under 8 years old.



Category: Balloons

Toy Name: Curious George 8 Balloons

Manufacturer: Unique Industries

Item Number: 15865

Problem: Children under 8 years can choke or suffocate on uninflated or broken balloons. Product contains statutory balloon warning but features characters (Curious George) marketed for children under 8.



Category: Balloons

Toy Name: Rocket Balloons

Manufacturer: Toy Investments, Inc.

Item Number: 204 12 0757

Problem: Children under 8 years can choke or suffocate on uninflated or broken balloons. Product contains statutory balloon warning, but it also contains the small parts choking hazard warning for children ages 3 and up and is age-labeled for ages 5 and up. Could be confusing for parents.



Category: Balloons

Toy Name: Rocket Balloons

Manufacturer: Toymith

Item Number: 2681

Problem: Children under 8 years can choke or suffocate on uninflated or broken balloons. Product contains statutory balloon warning but also is labeled for ages 5 and up.



Category: Balloons

Toy Name: Water Bomb Sling Shot

Manufacturer: Star Imports, Manufacturer Unknown

Item Number: 30578

Problem: Children under 8 years can choke or suffocate on uninflated or broken balloons. Product does not contain statutory balloon warning, instead includes choke hazard warning for children under 3.



Category: Balloons

Toy Name: Groovy Soakers Water Balloons

Manufacturer: Pioneer National Latex

Item Number: 2352

Problem: Children under 8 years can choke or suffocate on uninflated or broken balloons. Product contains statutory balloon warning but also is labeled for ages 6 and up.

- OVER-LABELED TOYS -

Some manufacturers are placing choking hazard warnings on products that do not contain small parts. This dilutes the meaning of the warning for parents. These are just two examples of clearly over-labeled toys.



Category: Over-labeled toys

Toy Name: Weapon Army of Zin Silent Arsenal Weapon Set

Manufacturer: Axiom International

Item Number: 42347

Problem: Labeled with choke hazard warning, but toy does not have any small parts. Over-labeling dilutes the effectiveness of the warning.



Category: Over-labeled toys

Toy Name: Water Bomb Balls

Manufacturer: Unknown

Item Number: 36427

Problem: Labeled with choke hazard warning, but toy does not have any small parts. Over-labeling dilutes the effectiveness of the warning.

- Magnetic Toys -

Standards

Currently, no labeling or performance standards govern magnetic toys. ASTM is considering but has not yet finalized draft standards as of November 2006.

Examples of Magnetic Toys



Category: Magnetic toys

Toy Name: Magnetix (assorted)

Manufacturer: MEGA Brands

Item Number: Assorted

Problem: In March 2006, CPSC and MEGA Brands announced a “replacement program” for almost four million Magnetix Magnetic Building Sets, revealing that tiny magnets inside the plastic building pieces and rods can fall out. If a child swallows more than one magnet, the magnets can attract to each other and cause intestinal perforation or blockage. MEGA Brands has re-designed its product, but old stock may remain on store shelves and in consumers’ homes.



Category: Magnetic Toys

Toy Name: Claire’s Magnetic Earrings

Manufacturer: CBI Distributing

Item Number: 66058-9 (and other assorted)

Problem: If a child swallows more than one magnet, the magnets can attract to each other and cause intestinal perforation or blockage. Magnetic jewelry left in place for too long can damage surrounding tissue by obstructing blood flow.

- Excessively Loud Toys -

Standards

In November 2003, ASTM finalized acoustics standards for toys that include the following:

- Hand-held, table-top, floor, and crib toys: Toys in this classification should not produce continuous sound that exceeds 90 dB when measured from 25 centimeters (cm).
- Close-to-the-ear toys: Toys in this classification should not produce continuous sound that exceeds 70 dB when measured from 25 cm.
- All toys with impact-type impulsive sounds: Toys should not produce an impact-type peak sound in excess of 120 dB when measured from 25 cm. This requirement also applies to all recorded impulsive sounds, such as those produced by video games, regardless of what was recorded (explosion or impact).
- All toys with explosive-type impulsive sounds except percussion caps: Toys should not produce an explosive-type peak sound in excess of 138 dB when measured from 25 cm.

Examples of Excessively Loud Toys



Category: Excessively loud toys

Toy Name: Frontline Defenders Assault Machine

Manufacturer: KB Holdings

Item Number: 2110KB

Maximum Decibel Measurement: 97 dB (25 cm), 100 dB (10 cm), 104 dB (1 cm)

Problem: Should not exceed 90 dB when measured at 25 cm. Prolonged exposure to noise above 85 dB can cause hearing loss.



Category: Excessively loud toys

Toy Name: Little Tikes Carry Along Musical Keyboard with Teaching Lights

Manufacturer: Little Tikes Company/Kids Station Toys Intl

Item Number: KSL8012

Maximum Decibel Measurement: 90 dB (25 cm), 93 dB (10 cm), 103 dB (1 cm)

Problem: Should not exceed 90 dB when measured at 25 cm. Prolonged exposure to noise above 85 dB can cause hearing loss.



Category: Excessively loud toys
Toy Name: Elite Operations Astro Blaster Set
Manufacturer: Geoffrey
Item Number: 38393
Maximum Decibel Measurement: 91 dB (25 cm), 98 dB (10 cm), 105 dB (1 cm)

Problem: Should not exceed 90 dB when measured at 25 cm. Prolonged exposure to noise above 85 dB can cause hearing loss.



Category: Excessively loud toys
Toy Name: Tool Truck Cordless Impact Drill
Manufacturer: New Bright Industrial
Item Number: 1101
Maximum Decibel Measurement: 92 dB (25 cm), 95 dB (10 cm), 98 dB (1 cm)

Problem: Should not exceed 90 dB when measured at 25 cm. Prolonged exposure to noise above 85 dB can cause hearing loss.



Category: Excessively loud toys
Toy Name: Dream Dazzlers Stylin' Guitar
Manufacturer: Geoffrey
Item Number: 55013
Maximum Decibel Measurement: 95 dB (25 cm), 103 dB (10 cm), 110 dB (1 cm)

Problem: Should not exceed 90 dB when measured at 25 cm. Prolonged exposure to noise above 85 dB can cause hearing loss.



Category: Excessively loud toys
Toy Name: Boom Blasters Sax
Manufacturer: Summit Products
Item Number: BBSBT-NI
Maximum Decibel Measurement: 91 dB (25 cm), 95 dB (10 cm), 100 dB (1 cm)

Problem: Should not exceed 90 dB when measured at 25 cm. Prolonged exposure to noise above 85 dB can cause hearing loss.

- Potentially Toxic Toys -

Standards

- Toys or materials used in toys must conform to the Federal Hazardous Substances Act.
- If metal jewelry is intended for use by children and toxic lead content is accessible by a child, then it constitutes a banned hazardous substance under the law.
- Play cosmetics—cosmetics intended for children under 14—must conform to the requirements of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetics Act.
- CPSC has issued a guidance to manufacturers, retailers, and distributors about children's products containing liquid chemicals. This guidance states that manufacturers should eliminate the use of the following chemicals in children's products: mercury, ethylene glycol, diethylene glycol, methanol, methylene chloride, petroleum distillates, toluene, xylene, and related chemicals.

Examples of Potentially Toxic Toys



Category: Contains potentially toxic chemicals

Toy Name: Qianqiao Necklace (Cross and Star)

Manufacturer: Unknown (Made in China)

Item Number: n/a

Problem: Laboratory tests show that the charms contain high levels of lead.



Category: Contains potentially toxic chemicals

Toy Name: Pacific Styles Necklace (Mushroom)

Manufacturer: Unknown (Made in Korea)

Item Number: n/a

Problem: Laboratory tests show that the necklace charm and cord contain high levels of lead.



Category: Contains potentially toxic chemicals

Toy Name: Diddle Letter Necklace

Manufacturer: Depesche USA

Item Number: 10932

Problem: Laboratory tests show that the charm contains lead.



Category: Contains potentially toxic chemicals

Toy Name: Heart Cell Phone Charm

Manufacturer: Unknown

Item Number: n/a

Problem: Laboratory tests show that the charm contains lead.



Category: Contains potentially toxic chemicals
Toy Name: Claire's Nail Polish
Manufacturer: CBI Distributing
Item Number: Assorted (17791-5, 17746-9, for example)
Problem: Some Claire's brand nail polish contains dibutyl phthalate.



Category: Contains potentially toxic chemicals
Toy Name: Blah Blah Makeup Kit
Manufacturer: Zalan Products
Item Number: 9304
Problem: Nail polish contains dibutyl phthalate.



Category: Contains potentially toxic chemicals
Toy Name: Slumber Party Nail Polish
Manufacturer: Unknown
Item Number: 26942 65056
Problem: Nail polish contains xylene.



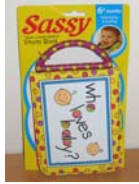
Category: Contains potentially toxic chemicals
Toy Name: Dream Girl Princess Pouch
Manufacturer: Dream Cosmetics LLC
Item Number: GG10031
Problem: Nail polish contains xylene.



Category: Contains potentially toxic chemicals
Toy Name: Chikz Make Up Play Set
Manufacturer: Greenbrier International
Item Number: 864763
Problem: Nail polish contains Carbomer (Benzene Containing)



Category: Contains potentially toxic chemicals
Toy Name: I-Tattoo Electronic Tattoo Pen
Manufacturer: Spin Master Ltd.
Item Number: 70953
Problem: Tattoo stencils contain toluene.



Category: Contains potentially toxic chemicals

Toy Name: Who Loves Baby? Photo Book

Manufacturer: Sassy

Item Number: 844

Problem: Product contains phthalates but labeled “phthalate free.”



Category: Contains potentially toxic chemicals

Toy Name: Just Animals! (Purple Hippo)

Manufacturer: Small World Toys/IQ Baby

Item Number: 9111246

Problem: Product contains phthalates but labeled “phthalate free.”

- Projectiles -

Standards

ASTM established voluntary standards governing projectile toys, which are toys that children can launch into free flight. The standards state:

- Projectiles intended to be fired from a toy should not have any sharp edges, sharp points, or small parts that would fit inside the choke tube described in the previous section.
- Rigid projectiles fired from a toy should not have a tip radius less than .08 inches (2 millimeters).
- Any protective tip should not become detached from the projectile when subject to standard “use and abuse” tests described in the ASTM guidelines.

Example of a Dangerous Projectile



Category: Projectiles

Toy Name: Arrow Rifle (spelled Riele on packaging)

Manufacturer: Shuang Huan

Item Number: 399

Problem: Suction cups of arrows pop off easily, revealing sharp points. Gun can shoot the projectiles with some force.

- Strangulation Hazards -

Standards

- Cords and elastics included with or attached to toys intended for children younger than 18 months (excluding pull toys) should be less than 12 inches long. If the cords/elastics can tangle or form a loop, or both, in connection with any part of the toy, including beads or other attachments on the ends of cords/elastics, the perimeter of the loop should be less than 14 inches.

- For pull toys intended for children under 36 months of age, cords and elastics over 12 inches long should not have beads or other attachments that could tangle to form a loop.

Example of a Strangulation Hazard



Category: Strangulation

Toy Name: Water Yo-Yo Ball

Manufacturer: Assorted

Item Number: Assorted

Problem: The stretchy cord of the toy can wrap around a child's neck when the child swings the toy overhead like a lasso.

- Recalled Products on Store Shelves -

Some stores, particularly dollar stores, fail to remove recalled items from store shelves. This is one example of a recalled children's product that we found for sale at a dollar store in the Washington, DC area.



Category: Recalled products on store shelves

Toy Name: Baby 2 Pack Pacifiers

Manufacturer: Kole Imports (KI), Importer/Distributor

Item Number: BI194

Problem: The pacifier's nipple can easily detach from the guard, posing a serious choking hazard to young children. CPSC recalled these pacifiers in May 2006,^c but we found them at least one dollar store in October 2006.

^c CPSC, "Baby 2 Pack' Pacifiers Recalled for Choking Hazard," press release, May 25, 2006.