



Safe Kids®

Mid-South

THE FACTS

Always look for the age recommendations on toys. Factors to consider when selecting a toy for your child should include if they are: interesting and appealing to your child, suited for your child's mental and social development, compatible with your child's physical abilities, well constructed, durable and safe.

For more safety information, visit www.lebonheur.org/safekids



**Play It Safe
With Toys**

TOY SAFETY

SAFETY TIPS

SELECTION

- Before shopping, consider the child's age, interests and ability.
- Always read labels and look for age ranges and safety warnings.
- Children under age 3 put everything in their mouth. Be careful with small balls and parts.

SUPERVISION

- Remove and throw away the packaging from the toy before giving it to a baby or small child.
- Always supervise while they play to avoid injury.
- Keep toys for older children away from younger children.

INTERACTION

- Join in your child's play.
- Your participation adds to your child's fun and development.

STORAGE

- Teach children to put toys away after playing.
- Safe Storage prevents falls and other injuries.

MAINTENANCE

- Check old and new toys regularly for damage such as sharp edged or loose small parts.
- Make any repairs or throw away damaged toys right away.

GET THE GEAR!

FEATURED ITEM - TOY CHEST WITH SAFETY HINGES

- To prevent the lid from closing on a child who is leaning over the open chest (or use a toy chest without a lid)
- Where to get it - Children's furniture store, discount chain
- Cost - Starting at \$50.00