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MOST DANGEROUS TOYS TO CHILDREN'S EYES

In 2003, thousands of children age 14 and younger suffered serious eye injuries, even blindness, from toys. Many of these injuries were caused by guns—both toy and recreational, and playground equipment. This is what Prevent Blindness America recommends: Protect your children's eyes by not buying them guns or toys not meant for their age. You can also keep your children safe by showing them how to use toys, and if necessary, by watching them when they play. Below are toys linked with the most eye injuries in children age 14 and younger.

	<u>NUMBER OF</u> <u>EYE INJURIES</u>
<u>TOY WEAPONS</u>	
Guns: Air, BB & Spring	1,293
Toy Weapons (combined types)	325
Slingshots and Sling-propelled toys	110
	1,728
<u>OTHER TOY PRODUCTS</u>	
Toys (other and unclassified)	4,371
Fireworks (classified as toys)	802
Playground Equipment	733
Bicycles	558
Art Supplies and Crayons/Chalk	386
Trampolines	240
Scooters, Skateboards, Powered Riding Toys	171
Go-Carts	170
Toy Sports Equipment	155
All other categories combined	736
TOTAL	10,050 (Turn Please)

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Table source: Prevent Blindness America. Based on statistics provided by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Directorate for Epidemiology; National Injury Information Clearinghouse; National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS). Product Summary Report—Eye Injuries Only—Calendar Year 2003. NEISS data and estimates are based on injuries treated in hospital emergency rooms that patients say are related to products. Therefore, it is incorrect when using NEISS data to say the injuries were caused by the product.

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