

## 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.

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**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 and set good examples of safe play.
- 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