THE TOY SAFETY CODE

* Buy a safe toy
* Buy toys for the right age
* Throw away broken toys
* Keep toys tidy
Every year, thousands of children are injured in preventable accidents involving toys. Help protect your child by following this simple advice.

**PLAY SAFE! Follow the TOY SAFETY CODE**

*BUY A SAFE TOY - BARGAINS CAN CAUSE ACCIDENTS*
Choose only quality toys from shops you know. A cheap toy isn't a bargain if someone gets hurt. Don't buy new or second-hand toys, for example from car boot sales, without checking very carefully.

*GIVE IT TO THE RIGHT CHILD - MAKE SURE IT IS RIGHT FOR THEIR AGE*
A safe toy can become a danger if it's in the hands of too young a child. Read the label and follow the advice. Young children can choke on toys with small parts, on marbles, even balloons. Watch too for children playing with toys meant for older brothers or sisters.

*THROW BROKEN TOYS AWAY*
Throw away broken toys. It's not charity to give them to others - it just passes your accident to someone else.

*KEEP ROOMS AND STAIRS TIDY*
Lots of nasty accidents are caused by people falling over toys left lying around. Put them away.

If you think a toy is unsafe, contact your local Trading Standards Officer (look in your local telephone directory)

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