

Safe Toy Guide

Safe Kids Pennsylvania suggests that parents pick toys that are right for the age and development of each child.

- ◆ Avoid toys with small, loose parts.
- ◆ Avoid toys with sharp points or edges.
- ◆ Toys that make loud noises may harm a child's hearing.
- ◆ Be aware of lead levels in toys.

Infants to One-Year-Olds

In the first months of life, babies learn to reach, roll over and sit up. As they move, babies are more likely to choke on small objects within reach. Toys for this age group are:



Activity Quilts
Bath Toys
Soft Dolls
Squeaky Toys

Safety Ideas: Smoke Detector, Child Safety Seat

One- to Two-Year-Olds

At this age, children are curious. They will climb, jump, throw, and play rough games. It is very important to keep an eye on your children at all times. Toys for this age group are:



Balls
Books
Building Blocks
Push and Pull Toys

Safety Ideas: Window Guard, Child Safety Seat, Safety Gate, Smoke Detector

Make Toy Safety A Gift Giving Tradition

Two- to Five-Year-Olds

Preschoolers enjoy tests of strength. They begin to ride tricycles and use building toys. Toys for this age group are:



Musical Instruments
Non-Toxic Art Supplies
Non-Violent Videos
Outdoor Play Equipment

Safety Ideas: Helmet, Child Safety Seat, Smoke Detector

Five- to Nine-Year-Olds

In this age group, children are creative and more active. They can write and work on arts and crafts. Toys for this age group are:



Bicycles
Crafts
Electric Trains
Skates/Skateboards/Scooters
Sports Equipment

Safety Ideas: Knee Pads, Wrist Guards, Elbow Pads, Helmet, Smoke Detector, Booster Seat

Ten- to Fourteen-Year-Olds

At this age, children enjoy team sports and games that require a lot of physical activity. Children have hobbies and an interest in science. Good gifts for this age are:



Board Games
Computers
Microscopes
Non-Violent Video Games
Sports Equipment

Safety Ideas: Life Jacket, Helmet, Smoke Detector

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