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
- Avoid toys that make loud noises for they may harm a child’s hearing
- Be aware of lead levels in toys
- Be aware of the button batteries 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 and CO 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 and CO detector, helmet
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 and CO 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 and CO 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 and CO detector