



# 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
- 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:

Child safety seat, smoke and CO detector,

## 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:

Child safety seat, safety gate, window guard, 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:**

Child safety seat, smoke and CO detector, helmet

## **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:**

Booster seat, smoke and CO detector, helmet, elbow pads, wrist guards, knee pads

## **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.

### **Toys for this age group are:**

Board games, computers, microscopes, non-violent video games, sports equipment

### **Safety ideas:**

Smoke and CO detector, helmet, life jacket



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