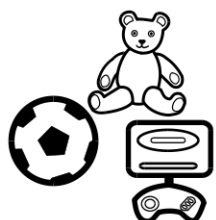


Safer Shopping: Buying toys



This easy read tells you about how to make sure that toys you buy are safe for your child.



This information is from Nottinghamshire Trading Standards.

Why must I be careful when buying toys?



Toys that are not safe can cause serious injuries and even death.



There are lots of dangers of unsafe toys, such as strangulation, burns, choking and poisoning.

What should I look for when I am buying a toy?



1. Make sure the toy is safe for the age of the child you are buying it for.



2. Only buy toys from **reputable** sellers.
Reputable means they are trusted because they are known for selling things that are safe and good quality.



If you buy toys from online marketplaces, unknown sellers, market stalls and discount stores, they might be cheap, but they are more likely to be dangerous.



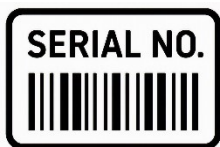
3. Check the toy is marked with a UK name and address for the importer and manufacturer of the product.



Importer means who brings the toy into the country.



Manufacturer means who makes the toy.



4. Check the toy is marked with the batch, serial, or model number.



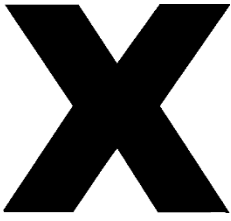
5. Check the toy is marked with the UKCA or CE mark.



By law, toys must have the UKCA or CE mark.



These marks show that a toy is safe by UK and European law.



Remember that these marks can be faked, so you can't rely just on these marks to decide if a toy is safe.



You still must think about if the toy seems safe, where you are buying it from, and how much you paid.

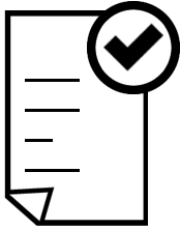


6. Look to see if the toy has a Lion Mark on it.



A Lion Mark shows the toy maker agrees to do things like:

- Only make safe toys.
- Not sell counterfeit (fake) toys.
- Market their toys responsibly.



7. The toy should come with instructions and any special warnings about how to use the toy or look after it.



8. Toys that are not safe for children under 3 years old should say this. They can tell you using words or pictures.



9. Be aware of the dangers of toys with:

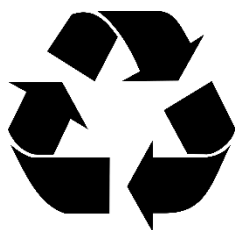
- Hair or fur that could be pulled out.
- Small parts.
- Sharp edges and points.
- Loose ribbons, or neck ties on things like children's dressing up costumes.



10. Make sure any battery compartments in a toy are secure.



11. You can check '[gov.uk product recall](https://www.gov.uk/product-recall)' to find out if the toy you are buying is known to be dangerous or has been recalled.



12. Check toys for signs of damage and safely get rid of toys that are in bad condition.

Buying second-hand toys



Be careful if you are buying a second-hand toy.



Make sure you physically check the toy before you buy it.



Second-hand toys are more likely to be dangerous because they could be already worn out, modified or don't have modern safety features.



Sometimes these dangers are hard to see unless you check the toy very carefully.

More information and contact details



If the toy does not have instructions, instructions might be on the manufacturer's website to download and use with a screen reader or text- to- speech software.



If you are worried that a toy is not safe, you can report the toy to Trading Standards by phoning the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 0808 223 1133.

Links in this document

gov.uk product recall

gov.uk/guidance/product-recalls-and-alerts

For the standard English version of this information, go to:

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/business-community/trading-standards/leaflet-details?frmClient=AD684FAB-1185-6B25-FC3921E170E313B2&frmItemID=122603&frmShared=1>

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