

Toy Safety

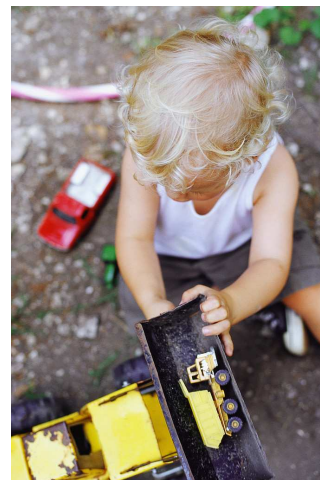


How many accidents are caused by toys?

Every year in the UK around 35,000 children aged 0 – 15 years attend hospital with an injury caused by toys.

What toys cause the most injuries to children?

- Around 5,500 accidents are recorded from sit and ride toys, including cars and rocking horses. Resulting in cuts, bruising and fractures from falls.
 - Approximately 4000 accidents from toy boxes. Accidents range from children climbing and falling from, bumping into and jamming fingers in.
 - Model cars, planes and trains are responsible for nearly 4,000 visits to Accident & Emergency each year.
 - Teddies, dolls and action figures cause more than 1,500 accidents each year.
- Toy guns, bows and arrows, water pistols and catapults cause over 1,000 accidents each year.
 - The most serious accidents is when a toy has been left on the stairs or a Child or Adult has tripped and fell onto the toy.



How can these accidents be reduced?

- It is very important to choose the right toy for the age of the child. Most toys have the suggested age range on the packaging. A warning symbol informing you that a toy is not suitable for children under 3 years is Important because it is stating that the toy may contain parts that could choke a very young child.
- There are safety marks which will be displayed on the toys packaging that indicates that the toy is safe. Toys with the Lion Mark have been made to the highest safety and quality standards for British toys.
- All toys should conform to the European Standard BS EN 71. This safety mark indicates that the toy and the packaging have been tested and have met European Safety Standards.

The Toy safety code!

- Buy a SAFE Toy.
- Buy toys for the right age.
- Throw away broken toys.
- Keep toys TIDY.

