

W.A.T.C.H.'s annual "10 Worst Toys" list nominates toys with potential to cause injuries or even death. W.A.T.C.H.'s annual "Toy Conference" has generated extensive national press and media coverage.

Founder Edward M. Swartz and W.A.T.C.H. have fearlessly exposed potentially dangerous toys to the general public. As a result, children's lives have been saved. Because of these efforts, and the positive response from both the media and the public, there have been many toy and product design changes.

2007 Top 10 Worst Toys



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Sticky Stones



Jack Sparrow's Spinning Dagger



Dora The Explorer Lamp



Lil "Giddy Up" Horse Sassy Play Set



Spider Man 3 New Goblin Sword



Hip Hoppa



B'Loonies Party Pack






My Little Baby Born



Rubber Band

SAFE TOY CHECKLIST

Before letting children play with toys:

-  Inspect toys for safe, sturdy construction.
-  Explain how to use the toy.
-  Fix or throw away broken toys.








There are three important ways you can protect your child's eyes from injuries while playing with toys:

1. Only buy age appropriate toys.
2. Demonstrate safe use of the toys.
3. Keep an eye on them when they play.

Toy selection guidelines






Before you purchase a toy:



-  Read all warnings and instructions on the box.
-  Ask yourself if the toy is right for your child's ability and age.
-  Avoid purchasing toys with sharp or rigid points, spikes, rods, or dangerous edges.
-  Check the lenses and frames of children's sunglasses; many can break and cause injuries.
-  Buy toys that will withstand impact and not break into dangerous shards.
-  Look for the letters "ASTM."
This means the product meets the national safety standards set by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM).
-  Avoid toys that shoot or include parts that fly off.

Remember that BB guns are NOT toys.

Always:

-  Keep young children away from toys meant for older children.
-  Supervise your children while playing.
-  Store toys properly after play to avoid risks or falls.
-  Supervise children's craft projects (scissors and glue can be extremely dangerous to a child's eyesight).
-  Have children wear the right eye protection for sports (face shields, helmets, eye guards).

If you are faced with an eye injury, contact our office immediately. There is a doctor on call 24 hours a day. Our doctors are available to see emergencies after hours, even on holidays.

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