

**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



**GO DIEGO GO ANIMAL RESCUE BOAT**



**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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