

Choking on toys can cause death in young children.

Tips for choosing safe toys:

- Make sure the toy meets national safety standards by looking for the letters "ASTM." These letters show the toy has been tested for normal intended use and reasonable foreseeable abuse.
- Read toy instructions carefully.
- Obey the manufacturer age recommendations.
- Do not give toys with small parts to young children.
- Have separate play areas for young children so that they don't have access to older siblings' toys with small parts.
- Watch for toys with strings, straps or cords because these could wrap around a child's neck.
- Be careful of toys that use electricity.
- Be aware of toys with sharp points or edges.
- Throw away damaged toys.

