Standards

Under the Child Safety Protection Act (CSPA) and Consumer Product Safety Commission rules:

- Toys intended for children under three are banned if they contain small parts or easily break into pieces that are small parts.
- Toys intended for children between the ages of three and six years old that contain small parts must include an explicit choke hazard warning with precise statutory language.
- Any small ball or toy that contains a small ball must meet a stricter safety test and include an explicit choke hazard warning.
- Marbles or toy with marbles must include an explicit choke hazard warning.
- All balloons must include a warning about the dangers of uninflated or broken balloons to children younger than 8 years of age.

Examples of Toys that Pose Potential Choking Hazards

- TOYS FOR CHILDREN UNDER 3 CONTAINING SMALL PARTS -

Toys intended for children under three are banned if they contain small parts or easily break into pieces that are small parts.

Category: May violate ban on small parts in toys intended for children under 3.
Toy Name: Kid Connection Mini Activity Cube
Manufacturer: Wal-Mart Stores
Item Number: 31306
Problem: Shaped pegs that move along curves can come out, posing a choking hazard. Labeled for ages 2 and up.
Category: May violate ban on small parts in toys intended for children under 3.
Toy Name: Play It Sharp Wooden Noise Maker
Manufacturer: Greenbrier International
Item Number: 864898
Problem: Wooden stick in middle of the toy breaks apart easily into small parts. Labeled for ages 2 and up.

Category: May violate ban on small parts in toys intended for children under 3.
Toy Name: You & Me Wintertime Baby
Manufacturer: Geoffrey
Item Number: 87406
Problem: Eyeglasses break into small parts that fit in the choke tube; toy also contains a small ball attached by a string. Labeled for ages 2 and up.

Category: May violate ban on small parts in toys intended for children under 3.
Toy Name: Baby I’m Yours Doll Clothing
Manufacturer: Target Corporation
Item Number: 44459 55003
Problem: Pearls on baby booties fit in choke tube and are attached by a few threads; may fail “use and abuse” test. Labeled for ages 2 and up.

Category: May violate ban on small parts in toys intended for children under 3.
Toy Name: My First Baby Annabell
Manufacturer: Zapf Creations
Item Number: 760914
Problem: Pacifier fits in choke tube and is attached by a few threads; could fail “use and abuse” test. Child could put pacifier in mouth. Labeled for ages 1 and up.

Category: May violate ban on small parts in toys intended for children under 3.
Toy Name: Playtime Babies Triplets (Dari, Danielle, & Darren)
Manufacturer: Cititoy Inc.
Item Number: 74351
Problem: Pacifiers fit in choke tube. Pacifiers are attached to dolls by a few threads; may fail “use and abuse” test. Child could put pacifier in her mouth. Labeled for ages 2 and up.
**Category:** May violate ban on small parts in toys intended for children under 3.

**Toy Name:** Sassy Pet Saks “Magic Carpet” and Assorted Others

**Manufacturer:** Douglas Company

**Item Number:** 2067

**Problem:** “Magic Carpet” Sassy Pet Sak has rhinestone sewn on with a few threads; may fail “use and abuse” test. Several varieties of the toy contain small parts sewn on to the bag. Labeled for ages 18 months and up.

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**Category:** May violate ban on small parts in toys intended for children under 3.

**Toy Name:** “I Love My...” (Rabbit, Puppy, Kitten, Duckling) foam books; “Dinosaur Loveables” (T-Rex, Stegosaurus, Velociraptor, Pterodactyl) foam books; “Loveable Learning” (Shapes, Colors, Numbers, Opposites) foam books

**Manufacturer:** Paradise Press

**Item Number:** “I Love My...” series (86943 00796); “Dinosaur Loveables” series (86943 00491); “Loveable Learning” series (86943 00492).

**Problem:** Foam velcro tabs rip off easily and fit in choke tube. Labeled with non-statutory choke hazard warning, but has play value for children under 3. According to the Manufacturers’ Abbreviated Guide for Age Labeling Toys, books with easy-to-turn cloth or cardboard pages with bright primary colors are appropriate for children as young as 7 months if they contain familiar objects.

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**Category:** May violate ban on small parts in toys intended for children under 3.

**Toy Name:** Animal Pal Books (This Little Pigg y, Itsy Bitsy Spider, Cuddles the Cow, Teddy Bear)

**Manufacturer:** Playmore Publishers and Waldman Publishing

**Item Number:** 70097 00215

**Problem:** Foam velcro tabs rip off easily and fit in choke tube. Labeled with non-statutory choke hazard warning, but has play value for children under 3. According to the Manufacturers’ Abbreviated Guide for Age Labeling Toys, books with easy-to-turn cloth or cardboard pages with bright primary colors are appropriate for children as young as 7 months if they contain familiar objects.

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**Category:** May violate ban on small parts in toys intended for children under 3.

**Toy Name:** Bonnie Bear Magnetic Writing Board

**Manufacturer:** Bazic/Bangkit USA

**Item Number:** 1834

**Problem:** Small drawing tools fit in choke tube. Toy could have play value for children under 3. According to the Manufacturers’ Abbreviated Guide for Age Labeling Toys, chalkboards are appropriate for children as young as 25 months. The writing board is similar in concept to a chalkboard.
Category: May violate ban on small parts in toys intended for children under 3.
Toy Name: Music Machines Music Mic Set
Manufacturer: Symak Sales
Item Number: 9988
Problem: Whistle fits in choke tube. Toy has choke hazard warning, but toy could have play value for children under 3. According to the Manufacturers’ Abbreviated Guide for Age Labeling Toys, rhythm instruments and novelty horns and whistles are appropriate for children as young as 25 months.

Category: May violate ban on small parts in toys intended for children under 3.
Toy Name: Magnetic Letters, Numbers, Shapes
Manufacturer: Greenbrier International
Item Number: 360248
Problem: Magnets come out and fit in choke tube; some letters fit in choke tube. Has choke hazard warning, but may have play value for children under 3. According to the Manufacturers’ Abbreviated Guide for Age Labeling Toys, “simple...teaching toys for matching/sorting, shapes, colors, letters/sounds, numbers/concepts” are appropriate for children ages 25-36 months. (Note: This type of refrigerator magnet generally does not contain the powerful magnets discussed in the “Magnetic Toys” section of this report.)

Category: May violate ban on small parts in toys intended for children under 3.
Toy Name: Foam Numbers
Manufacturer: Unknown
Item Number: KK603
Problem: Small parts of foam toy fit in choke tube. Toy has choke hazard warning, but toy could have play value for children under 3. According to the Manufacturers’ Abbreviated Guide for Age Labeling Toys, “simple...teaching toys for matching/sorting, shapes, colors, letters/sounds, numbers/concepts” are appropriate for children ages 25-36 months. In addition, toys for the bathtub are “commonly recognized” for children under age 3.

Category: May violate ban on small parts in toys intended for children under 3.
Toy Name: Stick-N-Learn in the Tub Bath Book
Manufacturer: Greenbrier International
Item Number: 838882
Problem: Foam pieces break apart easily into small parts. Includes choke hazard warning, but may have play value for children under 3. According to the Manufacturers’ Abbreviated Guide for Age Labeling Toys, books with easy-to-turn cloth or cardboard pages with bright primary colors are appropriate for children as young as 7 months if they contain familiar objects and animals. In addition, toys for the bathtub are “commonly recognized” for children under age 3.
Category: May violate ban on small parts in toys intended for children under 3.
Toy Name: Slinky Brand Party Set
Manufacturer: James Industries
Item Number: 8503
Problem: Play silverware breaks into small parts. Has choke hazard warning, but may have play value for children under 3. According to the Manufacturers’ Abbreviated Guide for Age Labeling Toys, “unbreakable dishes” are appropriate for children between the ages of 13-18 months. Tea sets are most appropriate for children at least 19 months old.

Category: May violate ban on small parts in toys intended for children under 3.
Toy Name: “Lovely Monkey” Rattle and Pull Toy
Manufacturer: Unknown
Item Number: KW9727
Problem: Ornaments on wheel fall off and fit in choke tube. Toy has a choke hazard warning, but rattles and pull toys are “commonly recognized” for children under 3.126

Category: May violate ban on small parts in toys intended for children under 3.
Toy Name: Expressions 30 Piece Hair Accessory Set
Manufacturer: Almar Sales
Item Number: 878772
Problem: Hair clips fit in choke tube. Product is intended for infants and children under 3. Children’s accessories, such as barrettes, are exempt from the small parts regulation because they need to be small to perform their intended purpose.127 These items, however, are marketed for infants without any warning that they could pose a choking hazard.

Category: May violate ban on small parts in toys intended for children under 3.
Toy Name: Assorted Claire’s Club Baby Hair Bands and Elastics (those with hard plastic jewels, hearts, and other attachments)
Manufacturer: CBI Distributing
Item Number: 91349-1, 37504-8, 47975-8, 91847-4
Problem: Plastic jewels, hearts, flowers and other attachments on hair bands can pop off and fit in choke tube. The CSPA exempts children’s accessories, such as barrettes, from the small parts regulation because they need to be small to perform their intended purpose.128 These items, however, are marketed for infants (“Claire’s Club Baby”) and contain non-essential and decorative small parts without any warning that they could pose a choking hazard.
Toys intended for children between the ages of three and six years old that contain small parts must include an explicit choke hazard warning with precise statutory language. Any small ball or toy that contains a small ball must meet a stricter safety test and include an explicit choke hazard warning. Any marble must include an explicit choke hazard warning.

**Category:** Potential CSPA labeling violation  
**Toy Name:** Hot Wheels Rev-Ups Speed Shifters  
**Manufacturer:** Mattel  
**Item Number:** Asst. J7107  
**Problem:** The rubber tires pop off easily and fit in the choke tube. The toy has play value for children under 6. Packaging includes a non-statutory choke hazard warning (“Small parts may be generated”).

**Category:** Potential CSPA labeling violation  
**Toy Name:** Hot Wheels Monster Jam El Toro Loco  
**Manufacturer:** Mattel  
**Item Number:** 53533  
**Problem:** Horns on the truck twist/break off; may fail “use and abuse” test. Labeled for ages 3 and up. Packaging includes a non-statutory choke hazard warning (“Small parts may be generated”).

**Category:** Potential CSPA labeling violation  
**Toy Name:** Tonka Lights & Sound Rescue Helicopter  
**Manufacturer:** Funrise International  
**Item Number:** 5587  
**Problem:** Silver hook comes off easily and fits in choke tube. Labeled for ages 3 and up. No choke hazard warning.

**Category:** Potential CSPA labeling violation  
**Toy Name:** Hot Zone Die-Cast Metal & Plastic Free Wheel (Yellow Truck with Crane)  
**Manufacturer:** Maisto International/KB Holdings  
**Item Number:** 15001  
**Problem:** Hook at end of crane detaches easily and fits in choke tube. Labeled for ages 3 and up. No choke hazard warning.
Category: Potential CSPA labeling violation  
**Toy Name:** Disney “Cars” the Movie character car, “Mater”  
**Manufacturer:** Mattel  
**Item Number:** H6408  
**Problem:** Rigging in back of truck breaks into small parts, may fail “use and abuse” test. Labeled for ages 3 and up. Packaging includes a non-statutory choke hazard warning (“Small parts may be generated”).

Category: Potential CSPA labeling violation  
**Toy Name:** Aurora Stuffed Dog “Fergie”  
**Manufacturer:** Aurora World  
**Item Number:** 30365  
**Problem:** Pearl necklace and rhinestone on wrist corsage fit in choke tube. Has play value for children under 6. No choke hazard warning.

Category: Potential CSPA labeling violation  
**Toy Name:** Fisher Price Loving Family Laundry Room  
**Manufacturer:** Mattel/Fisher Price  
**Item Number:** H7216  
**Problem:** Toy bears fit in choke tube; attached to string and piece of cloth that would not prevent choking. Labeled for ages 3 and up. Packaging includes a non-statutory choke hazard warning (“Small parts may be generated”).

Category: Potential CSPA labeling violation  
**Toy Name:** Build-a-Bear Workshop “Accessorize Me” Beary Princess  
**Manufacturer:** Creative Designs International  
**Item Number:** 87138  
**Problem:** Heart locket detaches easily and fits in choke tube. Labeled for ages 3 and up. Packaging includes a non-statutory choke hazard warning (“Not suitable for children under 36 months due to small parts.”)

Category: Potential CSPA labeling violation  
**Toy Name:** 1st Note Kazoo  
**Manufacturer:** Trophy Music Company  
**Item Number:** FN120  
**Problem:** Kazoo cap detaches easily and fits in choke tube. Packaging only says “Not intended for children under 3 years of age.” No choke hazard warning.
Category: Potential CSPA labeling violation  
Toy Name: Claire’s Rings and Bracelets  
Manufacturer: CBI Distributing  
Item Number: 81256-0  
Problem: Rings fit in choke tube and have play value for children under 6. No choke hazard warning.

Category: Potential CSPA labeling violation  
Toy Name: Claire’s Novelty Rings  
Manufacturer: CBI Distributing  
Item Number: 16920-1, 30265-3  
Problem: Rings fit in choke tube and have play value for children under 6. No choke hazard warning.

Category: Potential CSPA labeling violation  
Toy Name: 12 Pack Fancy Rings Party Favors  
Manufacturer: Unknown  
Item Number: PI-470  
Problem: Toy rings fit in choke tube and have play value for children under 6. No choke hazard warning.

Category: Potential CSPA labeling violation  
Toy Name: Nature Trail Butterfly Net (version with butterfly antennae on top)  
Manufacturer: Ja-ru  
Item Number: 475  
Problem: Antennae twist off easily and fit in choke tube; may fail “use and abuse” testing. Labeled for ages 4 and up. No choke hazard warning.

Category: Potential CSPA labeling violation  
Toy Name: Sunny 102 Marbles  
Manufacturer: Unknown  
Item Number: 892096 279035  
Problem: Toy contains marbles. No choke hazard warning.

Category: Potential CSPA labeling violation  
Toy Name: Skillfully-Connecting Links of Gears Creative Gear Set  
Manufacturer: Unknown  
Item Number: BL-3399  
Problem: Some of the gears fit in the choke tube. Product labeled for ages 4 and up. No choke hazard warning.
These products contain toy parts that almost fit in the choke test tube or spherical objects that fail the small ball test. Although these toys do not violate the letter of the law, these parts could block a child’s airway given their shape and size. Children have died on similarly-sized toys that pass the choke tube test.

Category: Near Small Parts  
Toy Name: Bob the Builder “Hard at Work” Collectible Character Pack  
Manufacturer: RC2 Brands/Learning Curve  
Item Number: 65121  
Problem: Toy boulders are spherical and fail the small ball test. Labeled for ages 3 and up. No choke hazard warning; CSPA does not require a warning because the spherical boulders are not “balls” by definition.

Category: Near Small Parts  
Toy Name: Home Depot Light & Sound Air Wrench  
Manufacturer: Geoffrey  
Item Number: 50158  
Problem: Toy screws are similar in shape to Playskool plastic nails that became lodged in the throats of two children, causing their deaths. Labeled for ages 3 and up. No choke hazard warning; CSPA does not require a warning because the toys do not fit in the choke test cylinder.

Category: Near Small Parts  
Toy Name: Thomas & Friends “Cranky the Crane”  
Manufacturer: RC2 Brands/Learning Curve  
Item Number: LC76356  
Problem: Orange cylinders barely pass small parts test. Toy is labeled for ages 3 and up. No choke hazard warning; CSPA does not require a warning because the toys do not fit entirely in the choke test cylinder. Includes non-statutory language that says: “Not suitable for children under 36 months, may contain small parts.”

Category: Near Small Parts  
Toy Name: Thomas & Friends Timber Yard Portable Playset  
Manufacturer: RC2 Brands/Learning Curve  
Item Number: LC76503  
Problem: Log halves barely pass small parts test. Toy is labeled for ages 3 and up. No choke hazard warning; CSPA does not require a warning because the toys do not fit entirely in the choke test cylinder. Includes non-statutory language that says: “Not suitable for children under 36 months, may contain small parts.”

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\(^d\) CPSC, “Playskool Voluntarily Recalls Toy Tool Benches after the Death of Two Toddlers,” September 22, 2006.
**Category:** Near Small Parts  
**Toy Name:** Take Along Bob the Builder Muck the Dump Truck  
**Manufacturer:** RC2 Brands/Learning Curve  
**Item Number:** 65107A3  
**Problem:** Magnetic timber log almost fits in choke tube. Toy is labeled for ages 3 and up. No choke hazard warning; CSPA does not require a warning because the toys do not fit entirely in the choke test cylinder.

**Category:** Near Small Parts  
**Toy Name:** Just Like Home Play Food  
**Manufacturer:** Geoffrey  
**Item Number:** 96473  
**Problem:** French fries barely pass small parts test. Children more likely to put play food in their mouths. Labeled for ages 3 and up. No choke hazard warning; CSPA does not require a warning because the toys do not fit entirely in the choke test cylinder.

**Category:** Near Small Parts  
**Toy Name:** Haba Wooden Eggs and Other Play Food  
**Manufacturer:** Haba  
**Item Number:** 13688 (eggs), 13749 (tomato)  
**Problem:** Toy eggs and tomato are spherical and fail the small ball test. Children more likely to put play food in their mouths. No choke hazard warning; CSPA does not require a warning because the spherical food items are not “balls” by definition.

**Category:** Near Small Parts  
**Toy Name:** Lincoln Logs Frontier Firehouse, Frontier Sheriff’s Office  
**Manufacturer:** Hasbro  
**Item Number:** 934, 932  
**Problem:** Smallest log almost fits in choke tube. Toy is labeled for ages 3 and up. No choke hazard warning; CSPA does not require a warning because the toys do not fit entirely in the choke test cylinder.

**Category:** Near Small Parts  
**Toy Name:** Baby Buddy Pacifier Holder  
**Manufacturer:** Baby Buddies  
**Item Number:** 100  
**Problem:** Toy bear almost fit in choke tube; intended for use by infant.
- BALLOONS -

All balloons must include a warning about the dangers of uninflated or broken balloons to children younger than 8 years of age.

**Category:** Balloons  
**Toy Name:** 1st Birthday Girl/1st Birthday Boy/Happy 1st Birthday Balloons  
**Manufacturer:** Amscan  
**Item Number:** 111012 (Girl), 111016 (Boy), 117016 & 117017 (Happy 1st Birthday)

**Problem:** Children under 8 years can choke or suffocate on uninflated or broken balloons. The product includes the statutory choke hazard warning, but these balloons are intended for use by children under 8 years old.

**Category:** Balloons  
**Toy Name:** Curious George 8 Balloons  
**Manufacturer:** Unique Industries  
**Item Number:** 15865

**Problem:** Children under 8 years can choke or suffocate on uninflated or broken balloons. Product contains statutory balloon warning but features characters (Curious George) marketed for children under 8.

**Category:** Balloons  
**Toy Name:** Rocket Balloons  
**Manufacturer:** Toy Investments, Inc.  
**Item Number:** 204 12 0757

**Problem:** Children under 8 years can choke or suffocate on uninflated or broken balloons. Product contains statutory balloon warning, but it also contains the small parts choking hazard warning for children ages 3 and up and is age-labeled for ages 5 and up. Could be confusing for parents.

**Category:** Balloons  
**Toy Name:** Rocket Balloons  
**Manufacturer:** Toysmith  
**Item Number:** 2681

**Problem:** Children under 8 years can choke or suffocate on uninflated or broken balloons. Product contains statutory balloon warning but also is labeled for ages 5 and up.
Category: Balloons  
Toy Name: Water Bomb Sling Shot  
Manufacturer: Star Imports, Manufacturer Unknown  
Item Number: 30578  
Problem: Children under 8 years can choke or suffocate on uninflated or broken balloons. Product does not contain statutory balloon warning, instead includes choke hazard warning for children under 3.

Category: Balloons  
Toy Name: Groovy Soakers Water Balloons  
Manufacturer: Pioneer National Latex  
Item Number: 2352  
Problem: Children under 8 years can choke or suffocate on uninflated or broken balloons. Product contains statutory balloon warning but also is labeled for ages 6 and up.

- OVER-LABELED TOYS -

Some manufacturers are placing choking hazard warnings on products that do not contain small parts. This dilutes the meaning of the warning for parents. These are just two examples of clearly over-labeled toys.

Category: Over-labeled toys  
Toy Name: Weapon Army of Zin Silent Arsenal Weapon Set  
Manufacturer: Axiom International  
Item Number: 42347  
Problem: Labeled with choke hazard warning, but toy does not have any small parts. Over-labeling dilutes the effectiveness of the warning.

Category: Over-labeled toys  
Toy Name: Water Bomb Balls  
Manufacturer: Unknown  
Item Number: 36427  
Problem: Labeled with choke hazard warning, but toy does not have any small parts. Over-labeling dilutes the effectiveness of the warning.
Currently, no labeling or performance standards govern magnetic toys. ASTM is considering but has not yet finalized draft standards as of November 2006.

**Examples of Magnetic Toys**

**Category:** Magnetic toys  
**Toy Name:** Magnetix (assorted)  
**Manufacturer:** MEGA Brands  
**Item Number:** Assorted  
**Problem:** In March 2006, CPSC and MEGA Brands announced a “replacement program” for almost four million Magnetix Magnetic Building Sets, revealing that tiny magnets inside the plastic building pieces and rods can fall out. If a child swallows more than one magnet, the magnets can attract to each other and cause intestinal perforation or blockage. MEGA Brands has re-designed its product, but old stock may remain on store shelves and in consumers’ homes.

**Category:** Magnetic Toys  
**Toy Name:** Claire’s Magnetic Earrings  
**Manufacturer:** CBI Distributing  
**Item Number:** 66058-9 (and other assorted)  
**Problem:** If a child swallows more than one magnet, the magnets can attract to each other and cause intestinal perforation or blockage. Magnetic jewelry left in place for too long can damage surrounding tissue by obstructing blood flow.
- Excessively Loud Toys -

**Standards**

In November 2003, ASTM finalized acoustics standards for toys that include the following:

- Hand-held, table-top, floor, and crib toys: Toys in this classification should not produce continuous sound that exceeds 90 dB when measured from 25 centimeters (cm).

- Close-to-the-ear toys: Toys in this classification should not produce continuous sound that exceeds 70 dB when measured from 25 cm.

- All toys with impact-type impulsive sounds: Toys should not produce an impact-type peak sound in excess of 120 dB when measured from 25 cm. This requirement also applies to all recorded impulsive sounds, such as those produced by video games, regardless of what was recorded (explosion or impact).

- All toys with explosive-type impulsive sounds except percussion caps: Toys should not produce an explosive-type peak sound in excess of 138 dB when measured from 25 cm.

**Examples of Excessively Loud Toys**

**Category:** Excessively loud toys  
**Toy Name:** Frontline Defenders Assault Machine  
**Manufacturer:** KB Holdings  
**Item Number:** 2110KB  
**Maximum Decibel Measurement:** 97 dB (25 cm), 100 dB (10 cm), 104 dB (1 cm)  
**Problem:** Should not exceed 90 dB when measured at 25 cm. Prolonged exposure to noise above 85 dB can cause hearing loss.

**Category:** Excessively loud toys  
**Toy Name:** Little Tikes Carry Along Musical Keyboard with Teaching Lights  
**Manufacturer:** Little Tikes Company/Kids Station Toys Intl  
**Item Number:** KSL8012  
**Maximum Decibel Measurement:** 90 dB (25 cm), 93 dB (10 cm), 103 dB (1 cm)  
**Problem:** Should not exceed 90 dB when measured at 25 cm. Prolonged exposure to noise above 85 dB can cause hearing loss.
**Category:** Excessively loud toys  
**Toy Name:** Elite Operations Astro Blaster Set  
**Manufacturer:** Geoffrey  
**Item Number:** 38393  
**Maximum Decibel Measurement:** 91 dB (25 cm), 98 dB (10 cm), 105 dB (1 cm)  
**Problem:** Should not exceed 90 dB when measured at 25 cm. Prolonged exposure to noise above 85 dB can cause hearing loss.

**Category:** Excessively loud toys  
**Toy Name:** Tool Truck Cordless Impact Drill  
**Manufacturer:** New Bright Industrial  
**Item Number:** 1101  
**Maximum Decibel Measurement:** 92 dB (25 cm), 95 dB (10 cm), 98 dB (1 cm)  
**Problem:** Should not exceed 90 dB when measured at 25 cm. Prolonged exposure to noise above 85 dB can cause hearing loss.

**Category:** Excessively loud toys  
**Toy Name:** Dream Dazzlers Stylin’ Guitar  
**Manufacturer:** Geoffrey  
**Item Number:** 55013  
**Maximum Decibel Measurement:** 95 dB (25 cm), 103 dB (10 cm), 110 dB (1 cm)  
**Problem:** Should not exceed 90 dB when measured at 25 cm. Prolonged exposure to noise above 85 dB can cause hearing loss.

**Category:** Excessively loud toys  
**Toy Name:** Boom Blasters Sax  
**Manufacturer:** Summit Products  
**Item Number:** BBSBT-NI  
**Maximum Decibel Measurement:** 91 dB (25 cm), 95 dB (10 cm), 100 dB (1 cm)  
**Problem:** Should not exceed 90 dB when measured at 25 cm. Prolonged exposure to noise above 85 dB can cause hearing loss.
Standards

- Toys or materials used in toys must conform to the Federal Hazardous Substances Act.
- If metal jewelry is intended for use by children and toxic lead content is accessible by a child, then it constitutes a banned hazardous substance under the law.
- Play cosmetics—cosmetics intended for children under 14—must conform to the requirements of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetics Act.
- CPSC has issued a guidance to manufacturers, retailers, and distributors about children’s products containing liquid chemicals. This guidance states that manufacturers should eliminate the use of the following chemicals in children’s products: mercury, ethylene glycol, diethylene glycol, methanol, methylene chloride, petroleum distillates, toluene, xylene, and related chemicals.

Examples of Potentially Toxic Toys

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<td>Qianqiao Necklace (Cross and Star)</td>
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<td>Pacific Styles Necklace (Mushroom)</td>
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<td>Depesche USA</td>
<td>10932</td>
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<td>Contains potentially toxic chemicals</td>
<td>Heart Cell Phone Charm</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>Laboratory tests show that the charm contains lead.</td>
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Category: Contains potentially toxic chemicals
Toy Name: Claire’s Nail Polish
Manufacturer: CBI Distributing
Item Number: Assorted (17791-5, 17746-9, for example)
Problem: Some Claire’s brand nail polish contains dibutyl phthalate.

Category: Contains potentially toxic chemicals
Toy Name: Blah Blah Makeup Kit
Manufacturer: Zalan Products
Item Number: 9304
Problem: Nail polish contains dibutyl phthalate.

Category: Contains potentially toxic chemicals
Toy Name: Slumber Party Nail Polish
Manufacturer: Unknown
Item Number: 26942 65056
Problem: Nail polish contains xylene.

Category: Contains potentially toxic chemicals
Toy Name: Dream Girl Princess Pouch
Manufacturer: Dream Cosmetics LLC
Item Number: GG10031
Problem: Nail polish contains xylene.

Category: Contains potentially toxic chemicals
Toy Name: Chikz Make Up Play Set
Manufacturer: Greenbrier International
Item Number: 864763
Problem: Nail polish contains Carbomer (Benzene Containing)

Category: Contains potentially toxic chemicals
Toy Name: I-Tattoo Electronic Tattoo Pen
Manufacturer: Spin Master Ltd.
Item Number: 70953
Problem: Tattoo stencils contain toluene.
Category: Contains potentially toxic chemicals  
Toy Name: Who Loves Baby? Photo Book  
Manufacturer: Sassy  
Item Number: 844  
Problem: Product contains phthalates but labeled “phthalate free.”

Category: Contains potentially toxic chemicals  
Toy Name: Just Animals! (Purple Hippo)  
Manufacturer: Small World Toys/IQ Baby  
Item Number: 9111246  
Problem: Product contains phthalates but labeled “phthalate free.”

- Projectiles -

Standards

ASTM established voluntary standards governing projectile toys, which are toys that children can launch into free flight. The standards state:

- Projectiles intended to be fired from a toy should not have any sharp edges, sharp points, or small parts that would fit inside the choke tube described in the previous section.
- Rigid projectiles fired from a toy should not have a tip radius less than .08 inches (2 millimeters).
- Any protective tip should not become detached from the projectile when subject to standard “use and abuse” tests described in the ASTM guidelines.

Example of a Dangerous Projectile

Category: Projectiles  
Toy Name: Arrow Rifle (spelled Riele on packaging)  
Manufacturer: Shuang Huan  
Item Number: 399  
Problem: Suction cups of arrows pop off easily, revealing sharp points. Gun can shoot the projectiles with some force.
- Strangulation Hazards -

Standards

- Cords and elastics included with or attached to toys intended for children younger than 18 months (excluding pull toys) should be less than 12 inches long. If the cords/elastics can tangle or form a loop, or both, in connection with any part of the toy, including beads or other attachments on the ends of cords/elastics, the perimeter of the loop should be less than 14 inches.

- For pull toys intended for children under 36 months of age, cords and elastics over 12 inches long should not have beads or other attachments that could tangle to form a loop.

Example of a Strangulation Hazard

Category: Strangulation
Toy Name: Water Yo-Yo Ball
Manufacturer: Assorted
Item Number: Assorted
Problem: The stretchy cord of the toy can wrap around a child’s neck when the child swings the toy overhead like a lasso.

- Recalled Products on Store Shelves -

Some stores, particularly dollar stores, fail to remove recalled items from store shelves. This is one example of a recalled children’s product that we found for sale at a dollar store in the Washington, DC area.

Category: Recalled products on store shelves
Toy Name: Baby 2 Pack Pacifiers
Manufacturer: Kole Imports (KI), Importer/Distributor
Item Number: BI194
Problem: The pacifier’s nipple can easily detach from the guard, posing a serious choking hazard to young children. CPSC recalled these pacifiers in May 2006, but we found them at least one dollar store in October 2006.