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Play It Safe with the Right Toys

Here are some safety tips to keep in mind this holiday season when buying toys for kids:

- ◆ Balloons—Children can choke or suffocate on deflated or broken balloons. Keep deflated balloons away from children younger than eight years old. Discard broken balloons immediately.
- ◆ Small balls and other toys with small parts—For children younger than age three, avoid toys with small parts, which can cause choking.
- ◆ Scooters and other riding toys—Riding toys, skateboards and in-line skates go fast, and falls can cause serious harm. Helmets and safety gear should be worn properly at all times, and they should be sized to fit.
- ◆ Magnets—High-powered magnet sets are dangerous and should be kept away from children. Whether marketed for children or adults, building and play sets with small magnets should also be kept away from small children.

For more information, visit the Consumer Product Safety Commission at www.cpsc.gov.

Sources: Consumer Product Safety Commission, Safe Kids Worldwide



