

Toys safety checklist

Toy (Safety) Regulations 2011 states that second-hand toys must be safe. All new toys must be labelled with a “CE” mark which shows that the toy has passed safety requirements.

We advise that you ensure all toys you sell are marked CE.

Product:

Examined by:

Serial number:

Date:

Record any checks you have done - use one sheet per product (photocopy as necessary).

- 1 Is the toy clean and intact? Yes No
- 2 Are eyes, noses, ears and buttons for example secure? Yes No
- 3 Is it free from sharp edges and exposed points? Yes No
- 4 Have you checked the seams and stitching on soft toys? Loose stuffing can be a choking hazard. Yes No
- 5 Is the toy suitable for children under 3 years old? Look for detachable small parts that can be choking hazards. Yes No
- 6 Does the toy have appropriate warnings? Yes No
- 7 Does it have instructions for safe use, if needed? Yes No
- 8 Make sure electrical toys are electrically safe? (see electrical goods checklist) Yes No
9. Is a tool needed to access the battery compartment? Yes No

Other things to consider:

- avoid selling homemade toys that are unlikely to have undergone safety tests;
- paint on very old toys may contain lead and should not be sold for use by children; and
- do not sell toys in thin plastic bags that could fit over a child’s head, as this may cause suffocation.

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