# TWOP SAFE TOYS AND GIFTS MONTH 2020



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# Safe Toys & Gifts Month

December is known as Safe Toys and Gifts Month, in which health care professionals and organizations tend to raise awareness about common injuries occurring due to misuse of toys and gifts, In order to create a happy, healthy, and safe gift-giving experience for all involved.



# Toys and Eyes

- About a quarter of a million children are seen in hospital emergency departments in the U.S. each year due to toy-related injuries, and nearly half of those injuries were to the head and face, including the eyes.
- And about 35 percent of toy-related injuries are sustained by children under age 5.



### Common eye injuries due to toys and gifts

The following are the common ocular injuries:

- Eyelids injuries
- Corneal abrasion
- Traumatic cataract
- Subconjunctival hemorrhages
- Hyphema
- Intraocular bleeding
- Retinal detachment
- Even permanent loss of vision

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## Treatment

- DO NOT touch, rub or apply pressure to the eye.
- DO NOT try to remove any object stuck in the eye. F
- DO NOT apply ointment or medication to the eye.
- A cut or puncture wound should be gently covered.
- Only in the event of chemical exposure, flush with plenty of water.
- Seek examination from an eye care professional as soon as possible.

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# Toys to be avoided

Avoid the following toys and gifts:

- Sharp and protruding toys and gifts
- Projectile toys and gifts
- Laser products
- Drones with spinning rotors
- Darts and Arrows

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# Toys to be avoided

- Toys swords, sabers or wands
- Toys consisting of chemicals etc.
- Pellet and bullet ball (BB) guns
- Toys that produce noise above 100 decibels can damage your hearing
- Latex bladders/balloons, gum balls, pieces and small objects pose a risk of choking and suffocation.

### Preventive Measures

- Use protective eyewear with ANSI Z87.1 (standard protection quality materials).
- All chemicals and sprays must keep out of reach of children.
- Parents and guardians should provide practice of safe use of common items that can cause serious eye injuries, such as paper clips, pencils, scissors, bungee cords, wire coat hangers and rubber bands.



# Preventive Measures

- Using age-appropriate toys and items.
- Never give small toys with removable magnets or button batteries.
- Inspect the level of choking risk for each toy.
- Teach children to store their toys after play to prevent falls and other accidents.







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