

# ENSURING SAFE PLAY: A Parent's Guide To Checking For Toy Safety



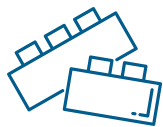
In 2021, an estimated 206,400 toy-related injuries were treated in U.S. ERs.



5% of the injuries were serious enough to warrant hospital admission or transfer.



Lacerations were the number one diagnosis for these injuries.



For children 4 and under, foreign body ranked second and internal injury was third.



The head/face region was associated with the largest number of toy-related injuries.

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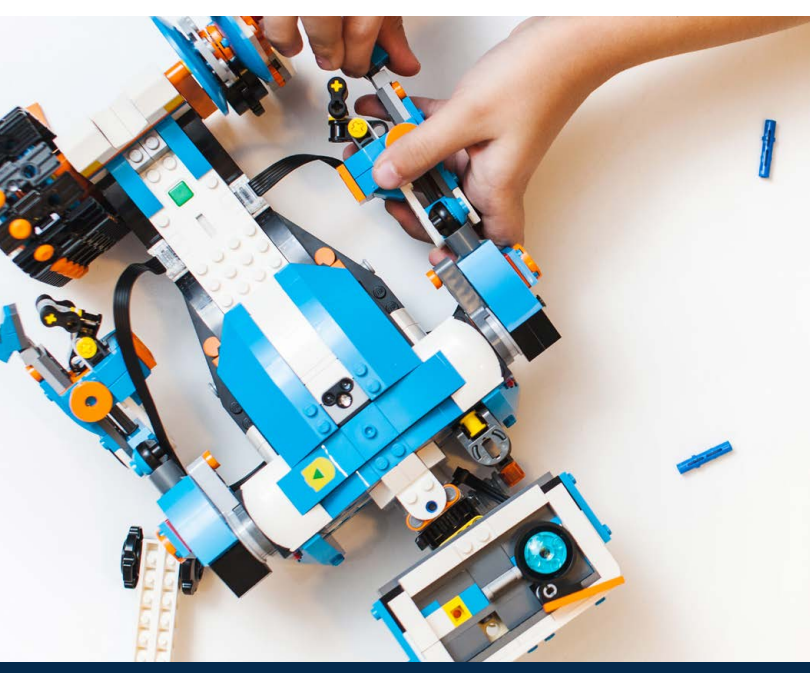


### READ THE LABEL

- Steer clear of potentially toxic materials.
- Electric toys should be "UL Approved."
- Verify American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) certification.

### FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS ON THE PACKAGING

- Go over how the toy is used correctly.
- Consider any safety warnings carefully.
- Assemble as directed to ensure parts are attached securely.

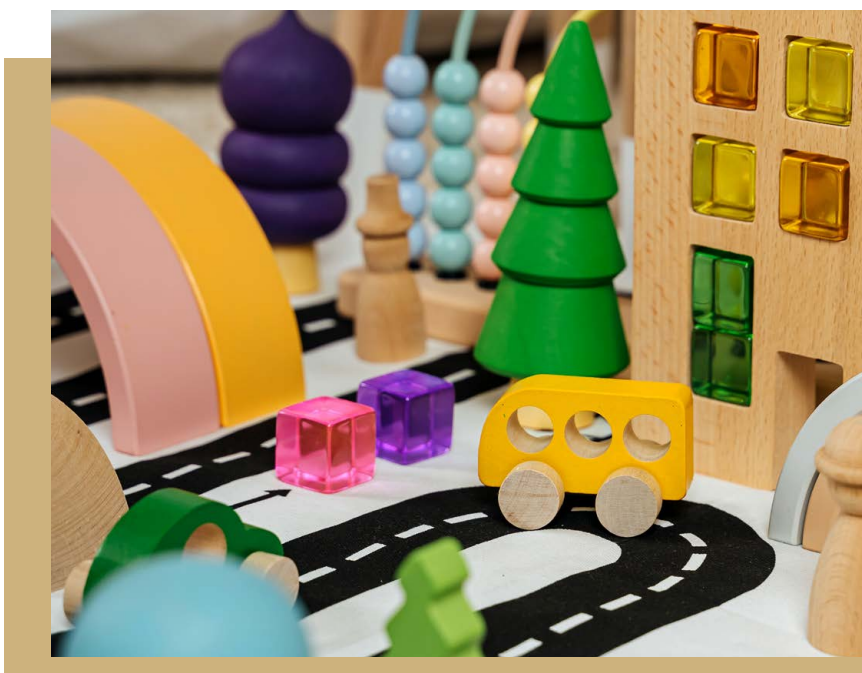


### CONSIDER AGE/ DEVELOPMENTAL APPROPRIATENESS

- Heed the manufacturer's age recommendations.
- Small pieces can become choking hazards for little ones.
- Loud toys can impair healthy hearing development.

### CHOOSE WELL-MADE DESIGNS

- Avoid sharp ends or buttons that can be pulled loose.
- Batteries and magnets should be secured with screws.
- Riding toys should be equipped with safety straps.



### MIND THE MATERIALS

- Thin plastics can break into sharp pieces.
- Fabric should be washable.
- Use caution with handmade or hand-me-down toys.

### STAY UP TO DATE ON RECALLS

- Toys can be recalled for many reasons.
- Remove any toy CPSC deems defective immediately.
- Contact an injury law firm if your child was injured.

