



# Safe Kids

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## Special Report – Children’s Product Recalls

Due to the unusual number of recalls that have occurred in the last few months this e-newsletter will be highlighting those recalls and giving parents an overview of what to look for.

### Toy Safety

**Safe Kids recommends:**

Use a small parts tester or the cardboard tube from a roll of toilet paper to identify choking hazards. Do not let small children play with anything that can fit into one of these cylinders.

Inspect toys to make sure they are in good repair. Do not let young children play with toys that have straps, cords or strings longer than 7 inches, due to the risk of strangulation.

Supervise children playing with any toy that has small parts, moving parts, electrical or battery power, cords, wheels or any other potentially risky component. (Simply being in the same room as your child is not necessarily supervising. Active supervision means keeping the child in sight and in reach and paying undivided attention.)

Teach children to put toys away after playing, to help prevent falls and unsupervised play, and make sure toys intended for younger children are stored separately from those for older children.

Toy chests should be equipped or retrofitted with safety hinges that prevent the lid from closing on a child who is leaning over the open chest; if a chest does not have safety hinges, remove the lid.

If you buy toys secondhand or get hand-me-downs, visit [www.recalls.gov](http://www.recalls.gov) to make sure the toy hasn’t been recalled for safety reasons. If a new toy comes with a product registration card, mail it in right away so the manufacturer can contact you if the item is ever recalled.

Don’t hesitate to report defects or design features that seem dangerous. Report safety concerns about toys to the Consumer Product Safety Commission at 800-638-2772 or [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov)

### Child Safety Seat Inspections

Tuesdays & Thursdays – 4-7 PM, Lawrence & Memorial Hospital  
1<sup>st</sup> level of the Parking Garage

Wednesdays 12-3 PM / 10-1 PM \*Mohegan Tribe  
Eagle View Garage, Sandy Desert Road \* Uncasville

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month  
Norwich Fire Department \* 10 North Thames Street

*Please note:  
All Car Seat Checks are by  
Appointment ONLY!!!!*

*Please bring your car seat,  
directions to the car seat,  
and the owner’s manual for  
your vehicle.*

**Call: (860) 442-0733**



# This is a random sample of the hundreds of products recalled please go to [www.recalls.gov](http://www.recalls.gov) to view all recalls

## Fisher-Price Recalls Geo Trax Locomotive Toys Due To Violation of Lead Paint Standard

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately take the recalled toys away from children and contact Fisher-Price. Consumers will need to return the product in order to receive a free replacement toy.  
**Contact:** Fisher-Price toll-free at (888) 496-8330 anytime or visit the firm's Web site at [www.service.mattel.com](http://www.service.mattel.com)



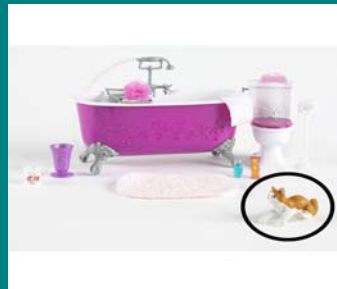
## Fisher-Price Recalls Bongo Band Toys Due to Violation of Lead Paint Standard

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately take the recalled toys away from children and contact Fisher-Price for instructions on returning the product in order to receive a free replacement toy.  
**Contact:** For additional information, contact Fisher-Price at (888) 496-8330 anytime or visit the firm's Web site at [www.mattel.com/safety](http://www.mattel.com/safety)

## Mattel Recalls Various Barbie® Accessory Toys Due to Violation of Lead Paint Standard

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately take the recalled toys away from children and contact Mattel for instructions on how to receive a free replacement toy of equal value.  
**Contact:** Mattel's Fisher-Price hotline at (888) 496-8330 anytime, or visit the firm's Web site at [www.mattel.com/safety](http://www.mattel.com/safety)

**Please note:** this is not all of the accessories for a complete listing and better picture please go to: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml07/07301.html>



## Additional Reports of Magnets Detaching from Polly Pocket Play Sets Prompts Expanded Recall by Mattel

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately take these recalled toys away from children and contact Mattel to receive a voucher for a replacement toy of the customer's choice, up to the value of the returned product.  
**Contact:** Mattel toll-free at (888) 597-6597 anytime, or visit the firm's Web site at [www.service.mattel.com](http://www.service.mattel.com)

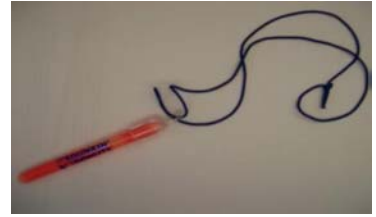
Please note: there are dozens of Polly pockets included in this very large (over 7 million) recall- for a complete listing and better picture please go to: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml07/07301.html>





**Halloween Skull Pails Due to Violation of Lead Paint Standard**  
**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately take the recalled product away from children and take it to the retailer where it was purchased to receive a full refund.  
**Contact:** Albert's toll-free at (866) 796-6110 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.

**Dunkin' Donuts Recalls Glow Sticks Due to Choking and Strangulation Hazards**  
**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately take the recalled glow sticks away from young children and return them to any Dunkin' Donuts for a free donut.  
**Contact:** Dunkin' Donuts at (800) 859-5339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at [www.DunkinDonuts.com](http://www.DunkinDonuts.com)



**RC2 Recalls Knights of the Sword Toys Due to Violation of Lead Paint Standard**  
**Remedy:** Consumers should take these recalled toys away from young children immediately and contact RC2 to receive a full refund.  
**Contact:** RC2 toll-free at (866) 725-4407 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit the firm's Web site at <http://recalls.rc2.com>

**RC2 Corp. Recalls Various Thomas & Friends™ Wooden Railway Toys Due to Lead Poisoning Hazard**  
**Remedy:** Consumers should take the recalled toys away from young children immediately and contact RC2 Corp. for a replacement toy.  
**Contact:** RC2 Corp. toll-free at (866) 725-4407 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Thursday and between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. CT Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at [recalls.rc2.com](http://recalls.rc2.com)



**Mattel Recalls Barbie & Tanner™ Magnetic Toys Due to Magnets Coming Loose**  
**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately take the recalled toys away from children and contact Mattel to receive a free replacement toy.  
**Contact:** Mattel toll-free at (888) 597-6597 anytime or visit the firm's Web site at [www.service.mattel.com](http://www.service.mattel.com)



**Mattel Recalls "Sarge" Die Cast Toy Cars Due To Violation of Lead Safety Standard**  
**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately take the recalled toys away from children and contact Mattel. Consumers will need to return the product to receive a replacement toy.  
**Contact:** Mattel at (800) 916-4997 anytime or visit the firm's Web site at [www.service.mattel.com](http://www.service.mattel.com)