

## Keeping Choking Hazards Away from Young Children

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Even the most conscientious and safety-minded parents can't always stay on top of every recalled product in an effort to protect their children. For this reason, we're providing our readers with a relatively detailed list of recalled products from the past few years that can pose choking problems for infants and young children.

You may want to print out this list and take it with you as you walk through your home, making sure that you never accidentally purchased any of these items or received them as gifts.

*(Although some recalled products can be repaired, always check with the original manufacturer before ever considering that option.)*

### Review of Recently Recalled Choking Hazard Products

In an effort to make this list fairly comprehensive and consistent, we've noted each product's name and manufacturer.

- **Peachtree Playthings**/Children's Fork and Spoon Sets
- **Gund**/Baby Books
- **Step 2**/Basic Rhythms Drum Toys
- **The Children's Place**/Denim Shorts (Snaps Can Detach) & Girls' Ruffle Vests
- **Mall of America**/Plush Toys
- **Rashti & Rashti**/Children's Giraffe Blankets
- **One Step Ahead**/Children's Stacking Toys

- **Rhino Toys Inc./**Bead Toys
- **Kiwi Industries/**Infant Apparel
- **BabyLegs/**Baby Socks and Leg Warmers with Heart Appliqués
- **Kindermusik/**Zoom Buggy Cars and Dream Pillow Stars
- **American Eagle Outfitters/** Toddler Girl Garments
- **Britax/**Infant Car Seats
- **Meijer/**Infant Shoes
- **Lollytags/**Infant Overalls
- **Kid O Products/**Wooden Puzzles
- **Matilda Jane/** Girl's Chelsea Dresses
- **Parigi/**Girls' Jeans
- **LaMont Limited/**Belle Vanity Benches (Sold Exclusively at *Tuesday Morning Stores*)
- **Lakeshore Learning Materials/**Magnetic Maze Boards
- **Antonio Flores/**Pacifiers
- **P. Graham Dunn/**Toy Rattles
- **Fisher Price/**Little People Play 'N Go Campsites
- **Fisher Price/**Infant Toys with Inflatable Balls
- **Edushape/**Giant Starbuilders and Giant Stars Building Sets
- **Dollar General/**Toy Guns
- **Discovery Toys/**Toy Mobile Phones
- **Manhattan Group LLC/**Pull Toys
- **One Step Ahead/**Children's Stacking Toys
- **Grand World/**"Bobby Chupete" Pacifiers

## General Warnings About Children's Products with Small or Moveable Parts

- Always try to avoid buying any clothing or toys for infants and small children that feature any easily detachable parts. You can prevent many serious choking incidents by taking this simple precaution.
- Try to always keep an eye on your children when they're playing so you might immediately notice if any parts come loose from their toys or clothing.
- Be sure to tell your older children that they should never play with their younger siblings' toys since they are more likely to accidentally dislodge small parts from toys through rougher play.

## Alert: Be Extra Careful When Buying Products from Children's Secondhand Stores

If you're a parent or caregiver who frequently visits secondhand stores specializing in children's toys and other products, please keep in mind the following safety tips and warnings:

- **As Seller.** Never try to sell any goods to these stores until you've carefully researched the CPSC Product Recall Web site and determined that the products you'd like to sell are still considered safe;
- **As Buyer.** Be sure to ask a salesperson or store manager about how long you have to return any product if you hold on to your receipt. If you do buy something, go straight home and check to see if the item has been recalled on the CPSC Web site. Never buy anything that's very old since you may be unable to check out its safety record. Be sure every item clearly indicates the manufacturer's name and the product's model number. Don't ever just take the store's word that they always check out the safety of every item before purchasing it.

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