

# Protect Your Children From Hazardous Toys

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The recall of millions of hazardous toys from major manufacturers has worried many parents and made it difficult and confusing for them to find information to protect their kids. Most of the recalled toys were made in China and contain dangerous levels of lead and/or have small pieces that can pose choking hazards for young children.

Here are some important website links where you can learn more about ways to safeguard children from dangerous toys:

#### New York State Department of Health

For information on the dangers and symptoms of lead poisoning, whether your child should get a blood lead test, and detailed information on the recalled toys.

### U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

For information on recalled toys and other recalled products.

### U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Email List

Where parents can register to receive free e-mail alerts about future product recalls.

#### Mattel & Fisher-Price, Mattel Consumer Relations Answer Center

For information on recalled toys. Please note that Fisher-Price is a subsidiary of Mattel, Inc.

## NYS Consumer ProtectionBoard Hotline:

You can also call the New York State Consumer Protection Board hotline at 1-800-697-1220 for more information about how to protect children.