



## SENATOR JIM ALESI



Dear Neighbor,

The health and safety of all New Yorkers has always been my top priority. Recently, we have seen a staggering number of toy and children's products recalled. While shopping for toys during the holiday season can be a fun experience, we must remember to be careful when buying toys and products that could be harmful to children.

Since joining the Senate, I have sponsored numerous bills aimed at protecting children from dangerous toxins, including legislation that would remove lead ([S.1928](#)) and cadmium ([S.4055](#)) from toys, novelty items and costume jewelry. Cadmium, a known carcinogen, can hinder brain development in children and cause kidney, lung and intestinal damage, and in June, this important legislation passed the Senate – taking the next step in protecting children from accidentally ingesting cadmium. I also sponsor legislation ([S.5387](#)) to prohibit the use of bisphenol-A (BPA) and other phthalates from baby bottles and pacifiers. It is my hope that these, and other child-safety bills I have introduced in the past will ensure the health and safety of our children, and will be advanced at the federal level.

With the holiday season in full-swing, I encourage you to take advantage of the various resources listed below should you have any concerns regarding toy safety, including recalls.

Our children are our most precious commodity and it is our responsibility to protect them from harmful products. Before you shop for children's toys this holiday season, remember to put safety at the top of your list. If you have any questions please feel free to call my office at (585) 223-1800.

Best wishes for a safe and peaceful holiday,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim".

Helpful Contact Information on Toy Safety:

[United States Government Recalls](#)

[Toy Industry Association, Inc.](#)

[United States Consumer Product Safety Commission](#); 1-800-638-2772

[New York State Consumer Protection Board](#); 1-800-967-1220

[Monroe County Office of Public Safety](#); (585) 753-3014

[Finger Lakes Regional Poison Control](#); 1-800-222-1222

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