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DR PETER TOYNE MLA Minister for Justice

MAKING CHILD'S PLAY SAFE IS UP TO PARENTS

Territory parents are encouraged to check the safety aspects of toys before purchasing for their children.

Unsafe toys and dangerous products can injure or even kill young Territory children.

Items must display the correct labelling including identifying the age group which the product is designed for.

"The Office of Consumer Affairs and the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) conduct random checks on retailers throughout the Territory to ensure standards are being maintained," Minister Responsible for Consumer Affairs, Dr Peter Toyne said.

"Consumer Affairs has a dedicated Product Safety officer who works with industry to keep our children safe.

"But ultimately, parents are the best judge of what products are suitable for their children. This particularly applies to flotation devices which must always be used under adult supervision."

The Minister said Consumer Affairs was available seven days a week to assist with queries regarding product safety.

Product Safety/Education officer Helen Savvas can be contacted on 08 8999 5022 for further advice.

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