



# NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT MEDIA RELEASE

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## **SYD STIRLING MLA** Acting Minister for Justice

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### **SAFE SHOW BAGS FOR TERRITORY SHOWS**

Consumer Affairs and the Territory show societies are working together to ensure show bags are safe for Territory children, Acting Minister for Justice Syd Stirling said today.

Consumer Affairs staff have been consulting with the show societies across the Territory and will be on hand at the beginning of each regional show to conduct show bag checks.

"Prior to all shows the show bags will be checked by Consumer Affairs staff to remove any potential dangerous or easily ingested toys, especially in show bags marketed at younger children," said Minister Stirling.

"Consumer Affairs Officers inspect show bags for age suitability, labelling and contents before they are permitted for sale.

"Age suitability is an important criteria because it assists parents to choose the right show bag according to the age and developmental level of their child

"Importantly Consumer Affairs will be ensuring show bags labelled for children under the age of 3 years must not contain small toys or toys with easily removed parts that could be swallowed and cause choking or suffocation."

Minister Stirling commended show society officials on their responsible attitude and cooperation in making sure that where items are identified as dangerous they are immediately removed from sale.

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