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## **SAFE SHOW BAGS FOR DARWIN**

Consumer Affairs and the Royal Agricultural Society of the NT are again working together to ensure show bags are safe for Territory children at the Darwin Show next weekend.

“Consumer Affairs Officers will inspect show bags and remove any potentially dangerous or easily ingested toys, especially in show bags where marketing targets younger children,” said Minister for Justice and Attorney General, Dr Peter Toyne.

“The bags will also be checked for age suitability, labelling and contents before they are permitted to be sold.

“Age suitability is an important safety criteria because it assists parents to choose appropriate show bags according to the age and developmental level of their child.”

Dr Toyne commended the show society officials on their responsible attitude and cooperation in ensuring that items identified as dangerous are immediately removed from sale.

“One particular concern at this year’s show relates to the safety of percussion caps, given the large quantities often sold at show stands,” Dr Toyne said.

“Recent injuries have been reported in Tasmania and South Australia involving children who placed ring percussion caps in their pockets. Due to the build up of static electricity in the fabric lining of pockets, these percussion caps subsequently exploded, resulting in extensive burns injuries.

“Injuries received while firing percussion caps have also been reported in the Territory. These injuries highlight the potential risk of high intensity burns associated with the storage and firing of percussion caps.”

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**For photo opportunities and interviews, the show bag inspection will take place in the demountable near the Administration Office Darwin Show Grounds on Wednesday 26 July at 10.30am.**

