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Minister Bans Tongue Stud

The Attorney-General Peter Toyne has temporarily banned a potentially deadly tongue stud.

He said the No Holes Tongue Stud, which is attached to the tongue by sucking to create a vacuum, poses a real choking hazard.

It could also cause serious injury if inhaled into the lungs or airways.

“Concern regarding the stud was raised recently when a nine-year-old girl in New Zealand inhaled the novelty item,” he said.

“She required urgent medical assistance to have it removed from her lung.”

Dr Toyne has placed a 28-day ban on the sale of the tongue stud in the Northern Territory.

“This timeframe will allow Consumer Affairs to fully investigate the safety of this, and similar products, to ensure any future ban provides adequate protection to all consumers”.

Dr Toyne encouraged Territory retailers to adhere to the ban, remove any of the offending internal mouth jewellery from their shelves and inform Consumer Affairs of their action.

Shoppers who find any No Holes Tongue Studs or similar products on sale in Territory stores, should contact Consumer Affairs on 1800 019319.

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