



RICHARD O'SULLIVAN Commissioner of Consumer Affairs

Keep Territory Kids Safe this Christmas

The Commissioner of Consumer Affairs Richard O'Sullivan calls on Territorians to ensure they keep unsafe toys out of Santa's sack this Christmas.

Parents, grandparents and friends buying for small children are urged to watch out for small parts that could cause a choking hazard for children under three years.

"When shopping for toys this Christmas look for good design and sturdy construction and make sure the toy is suitable for the child's age by adhering to the recommended age on the packaging", Mr O'Sullivan said.

"Consumer Affairs Fair Trading and Product Safety Officers will be out and about checking toys in retail stores during December to ensure that products for sale meet safety standards, are correctly labelled and any unsafe toys removed from the shelves.

Problem areas include toys with removable parts small enough for young children to swallow, toys with sharp edges and toys offered for sale with misleading labelling".

"To ensure our young Territorians stay safe this Christmas, parents are urged to stay away from potentially dangerous projectile toys that when used incorrectly can cause serious injury, especially to the eyes".

"If you decide to buy bikes, skates and skate boards, don't buy half the present. The Commissioner stressed the importance of protective safety equipment such as helmets, protective elbow and shin pads and remember miniature motor bikes are not permitted to be used on any road, footpath or bike path in the Northern Territory" he said..

If you find a toy that you consider to be unsafe please contact the Consumer Affairs Product Safety Officer on 1800 019 319.

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