

MEDIA RELEASE

Acting Commissioner for Consumer Affairs

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SAFE SHOW BAGS FOR ALICE SPRINGS

The annual show bag inspection by Consumer Affairs staff starts this week and those trying to sell dangerous toys will soon have the offending items removed.

Acting Commissioner for Consumer Affairs Gary Clements said staff will also be looking for any inappropriately marked toys up for sale at the Alice Springs Show.

“Show bag inspections are carried out BEFORE they go on sale and product safety officers will be randomly inspecting stall holders selling toys and products, especially those that are marketed at younger children,” Mr Clements said.

“Any potentially dangerous or easily ingested toys will be removed from sale.”

He said show bags need to be correctly labelled with age suitability to assist parents to choose appropriate show bags according to the age and developmental level of the child.

“Attention will be also given to ensure that all cosmetic items sold **must** display ingredients labelling, to protect people against allergic reactions,” Mr Clements added.

“Parents are urged to resist their child’s pleas to buy projectile toys, such as guns, bow and arrow sets and dart sets. There are lots of great toys to buy for kids without resorting to projectile toys which may have the potential to fire missiles such as pens, pins or ball bearings which can cause serious injury”.

Mr Clements praised the Alice Springs Show Society for their continued support in working with Consumer Affairs to ensure show bags are safe for Territory children.

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MEDIA NOTE - for photo opportunities, Consumer Affairs Regional Officer Shelagh Leonard will be undertaking inspections of show bags at Blatherskite Park Show Grounds at 9.00 am on Thursday 3rd of July 2008.