

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Acting Commissioner for Consumer Affairs**

23rd July 2008

#### **SAFE SHOW BAGS FOR DARWIN**

Consumer Affairs staff are again out and about checking show bags to ensure items are safe for Territory children.

The Acting Commissioner for Consumer Affairs Gary Clements said “Show bag inspections will be 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.

Attention was also given to ensure that all cosmetic items sold displayed ingredients labelling, to protect against allergic reactions, with any potentially dangerous or easily ingested toys removed from sale”.

I found that there was a high level of compliance with safety standards with very few items removed from show bags. This indicates that the work undertaken over a number of years with show bag suppliers and the show societies has ensured that all items sold are safe, Mr Clements 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.

“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 Darwin Show Society for their continued support in working with Consumer Affairs to ensure show bags are safe for Territory children.

Consumers are urged to report any unsafe toys or other products to Consumer Affairs on 1800 019 319 or email [consumer@nt.gov.au](mailto:consumer@nt.gov.au)

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**MEDIA NOTE** –The Acting Commissioner will be available for photo opportunities on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00am. Please contact Liz Farquhar on 0401 115 483 to arrange a suitable time.

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