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TIP OF THE WEEK

Choosing Safe Toys and Gifts

The right toy can help build imagination and coordination, but the wrong toy can do more harm than good. The challenge is to find a toy your child will love and one that you know is safe.

INSPECT.

Your child's toys should be durable with no sharp edges or points. The toys should also withstand impact.

NO CHOKING HAZARDS.

Don't give toys with small parts to young children. Young kids tend to put things in their mouths, increasing the risk of choking.

AGE APPROPRIATE.

Read directions carefully and follow suggested age guidelines. Ask yourself if the toy is right for your child's ability and age.

HOW TO USE IT.

Explain how to use the toy.

NO DAMAGED TOYS.

Repair or throw away damaged toys.

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