

CPB's "Safe Toys NY"

consumer guide to

Childhood Choking Prevention



In furtherance of our "Safe Toys NY" campaign, the NYS Consumer Protection Board (CPB) reminds parents to stay vigilant as to which toys, household items and foods they allow their children access. In 2005, more than 19,000 children were sent to hospital emergency rooms due to choking. The majority of these incidents involved toys, common foods, and household items. In fact, choking accounts for 44% of all toy-related fatalities. This is why the federal Child Safety Protection Act bans any toy intended for use by children under age 3 that may pose a choking, aspiration or ingestion hazard and requires choking hazard warning labels on packaging for these items when intended for use by children ages 3 to 6. Prevention is your best defense in preventing choking among youngsters. Please keep this list handy and share with your family, friends and any of your child's caregivers.

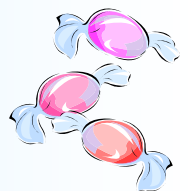
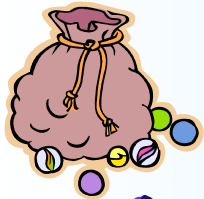
Top Choking Hazards for Children

Toys and Other Items

- Latex Balloons
- Marbles / Small Balls
- Small Toys/ Toys with Small Parts
- Rings and Earrings
- Small Batteries
- Coins
- Medicine Syringes / Droppers
- Pen / Marker Caps / Erasers
- Safety Pins
- Buttons

Foods

- Hot Dogs
- Nuts and Seeds
- Chunks of Meat and Cheese
- Whole Grapes / Cherries
- Hard, Gooey, or Sticky Candy (including gum)
- Popcorn
- Peanut Butter
- Raw Fruits and Vegetables (such as apples, carrots, and celery)



Resources: Consumer Product Safety Commission, American Academy of Pediatrics, Safe Kids USA, KidsHealth.org



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