

Keeping Tamariki Safe

Toy Safety



Tidy The Toy Box

Toss broken toys and keep older tamariki toys away from under 3s.

Check The Size

If it's smaller than a 4x6 Lego brick, it's not safe for tamariki under 3

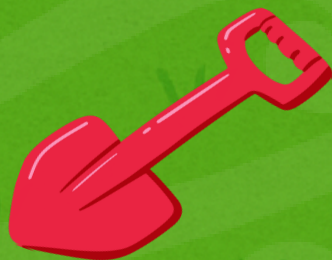
Keep Toys Safe

Avoid toys with small parts, sharp edges, button batteries, or strong magnets.

Supervise Play

The best safety feature is you. Keep watch and play with the tamariki.

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Buying Tips



- Choose toys that are age-appropriate and check packaging for safety standards.
- Avoid toys or parts smaller than a 4×6 Lego brick (31mm by 57mm), these are choking risks for tamariki under 3.
- Look for smooth edges and non-toxic materials like paint, to keep tamariki safe when playing and mouthing toys.
- Steer clear of toys with button batteries, small strong magnets, or very loud noises.

- If a tamaiti swallows a button battery or magnet, go to ED immediately.
- Call 111 if choking, struggling to breathe, or a toy is swallowed.
- Report unsafe toys to the retailer and MBIE Product Safety.
- You have rights to repair, refund, or replacement under the Consumer Guarantees Act.

At Home Tips

- Regularly check your toy box for broken, sharp, or loose parts and remove unsafe toys straight away.
- Keep toys for older tamariki up high and out of reach of under 3s.
- Discard toys with peeling paint, worn fabric, or loose screws and straps.
- Do not donate unsafe or damaged toys to charity shops or toy libraries.

Playtime Tips



- Supervision is the best safety feature, play alongside tamariki and keep a close watch.
- Show tamariki how to use toys properly and put them away after play.
- Rotate toys to keep playtime safe and interesting without clutter.
- Remind older tamariki to keep their smaller toys away from pēpi and toddlers.