

Ask, could they swallow it?

Toys will end up in their mouth.

Check for loose, broken or small parts that tamariki could choke on.

Check & choose with care

Check for safety labels, warnings and age recommendations

Check battery compartments are secure and can't be opened easily by children

Choose well-made toys with secure fasteners and stitching that won't expose parts or of leak stuffing.

Check what toys are made from

Some toys may contain harmful substances that could make a child sick if they swallow the toy or parts of it. Check what toys are made of and follow safety warnings

Keep a close eye on tamariki when using:

Glowsticks, bubble wands, and art supplies like finger paints, markers and crayons.

Toys like play sand, play doh, slime and squishies.



Keeping Tamariki Safe

Toy Safety

KIDS EXPLORE WITH THEIR MOUTHS

Young pēpi and toddlers will naturally chew, suck and taste anything they can get a hold of, including toys.

it's how they explore and learn about the world around them.

Choose toys that will be safe when they end up in their mouths.

Regularly check toys for any small, broken, or loose parts including batteries and magnets that could be swallowed.

IS THIS THE RIGHT TOY FOR YOUR TAMAITI?

Check the age recommendation on the toy.

Check for any warnings and safety labels.

Think about how your child will eventually play with it.

Remember, the smaller the child, the bigger the toy should be to keep them safe.

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**TOY
SAFETY
WEEK**

DAMAGED TOYS CAN BE UNSAFE TOYS

Damage can turn a toy into a safety hazard for tamariki. Look for loose parts, cracks, sharp edges and unsecured components.

If it can't be repaired, it's safer to throw the toy away.



ACT FAST

If you think a tamaiti has swallowed a button battery or magnet, go to a hospital emergency department immediately
Call 111 immediately if a child has swallowed any toy or toy part, is choking or struggling to breathe.

If you think a child has been exposed to something poisonous, call.

National Poison Centre on 0800 POISON (0800 764 766)



If a product you've just purchased seems unsafe, report it to MBIE Product Safety. Reporting unsafe toys and near misses with toys will help to keep other tamariki safe too.