

**W.A.T.C.H.'s annual "10 Worst Toys" list nominates representative toys with the potential to cause childhood injuries, or even death. W.A.T.C.H.'s annual "Toy Conference" has generated extensive national press and media coverage.**

**This year's 10 Worst Toys are listed below:**



**Heelys**



**Z-Launcher:**  
turbo water launcher



**Pram Decorations**  
- Blossom



**Pyramid Stacker**



**Bow & Arrow Set**



**Zip-Itz Do Dolly**



**Lil Snoopy**



**Superman Lamp**



**Sky Blaster**



**Fear Factor Candy Challenge**

Founder Edward M. Swartz and W.A.T.C.H. have fearlessly exposed potentially dangerous toys to the general public. As a result, children's lives have been saved. Because of these efforts, and the positive response from both the media and the public, there have been many toy and product design changes.

## SAFE TOY CHECKLIST

There are three important ways you can protect your child's eyes from injuries while playing with toys:

1. Only buy toys meant for their age.
2. Show them how to use their toys safely
3. Keep an eye on them when they play.

### Toy selection guidelines



**Before you purchase a toy:**

- Read all warnings and instructions on the box.
- Ask yourself if the toy is right for your child's ability and age.
- Avoid purchasing toys with sharp or rigid points, spikes, rods, or dangerous edges.
- Check the lenses and frames of children's sunglasses; many can break and cause injuries.
- Buy toys that will withstand impact and not break into dangerous shards.
- Look for the letters "ASTM."

This means the product meets the national safety standards set by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM).

- Avoid toys that shoot or include parts that fly off.

**Remember that BB guns are NOT toys.**

**Always:**

- Keep young children away from toys meant for older children.
- Supervise your children while playing.
- Store toys properly after play to avoid risks or falls.
- Supervise children's craft projects (scissors and glue can be extremely dangerous to a child's eyesight).
- Have children wear the right eye protection for sports (face shields, helmets, eye guards).

**Before letting children play with toys:**

- Inspect toys for safe, sturdy construction.
- Explain how to use the toy.
- Fix or throw away broken toys.

