



Tips For Safe Outdoor Play

Top Tips for Safe Play this Summer

Store Your Toys

When toys are not being used, keep them away from pools, driveways, and streets with traffic so children aren't lured into an unsafe situation.



Safety Gear is a Must

Kids should wear helmets, knee pads, and elbow pads when playing with ride-on toys.



Shop at a Retailer You Know & Trust

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Broken pieces from water balloons can be a choking hazard

Clean up balloon parts so they don't end up in the mouths of little ones.



For more trusted advice about keeping kids safe while they play all year long, visit www.PlaySafe.org.



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(NAPSA)—When heading outside to play, keep these top safety tips in mind:

- **Always supervise children.** Be extra vigilant when kids are playing in or near the water, on driveways, and near streets with traffic. Keep toys away from these "danger" zones so kids aren't lured into an unsafe situation.
- **Make sure kids are wearing helmets, knee pads and other protective gear** when playing with all ride-on toys, including bicycles, tricycles, scooters and skateboards.
- **Shop at a retailer you know and trust,** since these businesses are knowledgeable about toy recalls. Be extra vigilant when shopping for toys at garage sales, flea markets and online marketplaces.

- **Water balloons are a blast, but uninflated and broken balloon pieces can be a choking hazard.** Be sure to clear away deflated and broken balloons so they don't end up in the mouths of little ones.

- **Organize and store toys to prevent trips and falls.** Designate "parking" spaces for bikes and other ride-on toys, and store smaller items such as skateboards, chalk and bubbles on shelves.

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