

Gift Buying Tips for a Safe Christmas

This Christmas, treat your loved one with gifts which they can enjoy and at the same time help protect them from injuries at home, at play and on the road.

What to buy:

- **A booster seat.** Jazz it up, let their imagination run wild (tell them it's a rocket ship or a fairy chariot). Remember, kids are safer in a booster seat until they're 148cm tall.
- **A cycle helmet.** Let them pick their own helmet and be a role model (use one yourself too!).
- **Tools with safety locks.** Buy dad a brand new power tool with a safety lock, and store it away from the children's reach.
- **A Portable Pool Fence.** Owners of small pools still need to comply with pool safety regulations.
- **Smoke alarms.** If you know someone who doesn't have one at home, buy them one as a present. What better gift than one that could save their lives in a fire.



What NOT to buy:

- **Toys that are choking hazards.** If it can fit inside a toilet roll, it is a choking hazard.
- **Baby bath seats.** Bath seats and rings give a false sense of security. Babies can slip or get trapped underwater.
- **Baby Walkers.** They could fall against fires, down stairs and off decks. They could be burned by hot pots they shouldn't have been able to reach, or poison themselves with chemicals parents thought were stored high enough.

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