

# Safe Playtime by



Play is an important part of childhood - it helps children develop physical strength, coordination, balance, social skills, imagination, and problem-solving skills. To keep your baby safe during play time, it's important to set up a safe play area if you need your hands free, and to choose toys carefully to make sure that they are suitable for their age and stage of development.

## Toy safety tips

- Always follow the age recommendations on toys. There is a mandatory Australian Standard for toys for children up to and including 36 months of age that outlines factors such as the design, construction and labelling required.
- Read the label and instructions on toys carefully to ensure that they are non-toxic, non-flammable and are set up and used correctly.
- Look at the quality of the toy and for possible hazards including sharp edges, small parts or long strings, weak construction, moving parts or unsecured battery casings.
- Toys can deteriorate and become damaged over time - regularly check toys to ensure they are still safe.

## Safe play areas

- Safe play areas can be set up both inside and outside the home, such as a playpen or a securely fenced off area outside.
- Ensure that the safe play area is in sight so you can supervise your baby closely, and is set up away from hazards (e.g. curtain and blind cords).

