

Republic of the Philippines Department of Health FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



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SUBJECT: WARNING ON THE POSSIBLE CHOKING HAZARD ASSOCIATED WITH THE USE OF TOY WHISTLES AND BUBBLE MAKING TOYS CONTAINING WHISTLES.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has received a confirmed report that a three (3) year old boy was brought to the hospital for treatment because a part of a bubble making toy cum whistle detached during use and was aspirated.

Certain types of whistles and bubble making toys cum whistles contain parts made of plastic that may be removed during use and might be swallowed.

The FDA warns the public on the use of these types of toys because of the possible choking hazard associated with it. Small children may choke if the detached part is aspirated. Always check the quality of the toys before purchase. Make sure that the parts are not easily removed so as not to cause hazard to the user. Always read the labels and warnings associated with the use of a certain type of toy. Adult supervision is a must for small children during play.

For more information regarding this matter, please contact the Food and Drug Administration at 651-7800 local 3408 or at 711-6016.

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