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Department of Health  
**FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION**



**FDA ADVISORY**

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**TO : ALL CONCERNED TOYS AND CHILD CARE PRODUCTS  
STAKEHOLDERS, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

**SUBJECT : PICKING SAFE GIFTS FOR KIDS THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON**

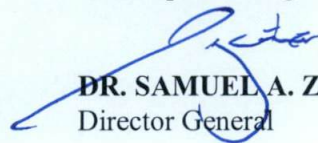
With the Christmas holidays drawing near, Filipinos share joy through well-wishes and gifts this gift-giving season. In picking toys to gift, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) wishes to provide three (3) practical reminders to the public for a safe and fun Christmas celebration.

1. *Read the label.* The choices for gift toys in the market are endless, so be sure to check the product label's information, which can help you with selecting an age-appropriate toy and with reviewing safety instructions. To assist you, some useful information include:
  - a. Age grading, which suggests the minimum age for a child to safely play a given toy
  - b. Cautionary Statements/Warnings, which provides safety information that may be involved with playing with the toy
  - c. Instructional Literature, which reasonably informs you how to use the toy correctly
  - d. Manufacturer's markings with complete name and address of the local company, which lets you know the identity of the manufacturer
  - e. License to Operate (LTO) Number issued by FDA, which lets you know that the company is duly-licensed with the FDA
  - f. Item Model/ Stock Keeping Unit (SKU) number, which informs you of the specific product identity
2. *Buy from legitimate sources.* In order to make sure that your products are authentic, we encourage consumers to buy only from reputable establishments.
3. *Finally, check for recalls and if the product has been notified with FDA.* Consumers are highly urged to visit the FDA website and its social media accounts, to be kept updated of reports and recalls on products. An easy way to check if a product went through the FDA is the FDA Verification Portal, accessible at <https://verification.fda.gov.ph>.

The FDA wishes everyone a safe and fun-filled holiday.



For reports of any sale or distribution of unnotified or doubtful toys and childcare articles, please file a report through eReport at [ereport@fda.gov.ph](mailto:ereport@fda.gov.ph).



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