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MOST HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS TO CHILDREN'S EYES

In 2002 thousands of children 14 and younger suffered serious eye injuries, including blindness, from products. Many of these injuries were caused by toys, common household products, and sports activities. The following are the 20 categories causing the most eye injuries in children. Children ages 0-14 are included in statistics.

PRODUCT CATEGORY	ESTIMATED INJURIES
1. Toys (excluding Bicycles and Guns)	8,420
2. Pens and Pencils	3,853
3. Baseball and Softball	2,356
4. Water and Pool Activities	2,329
5. Adhesives	2,197
6. Guns (Air, Spring, BB)	1,891
7. General Purpose Household Cleaners	1,822
8. Furniture (Sofas, Beds, Tables)	1,760
9. Basketball	1,756
10. Flatware and Table Settings	1,493
11. Bleaches (Noncosmetic)	1,335
12. Cigarettes, Cigars, Pipes, Lighters	1,327
13. Grooming, Cosmetics (Hair Care, Makeup)	1,273
14. Paper and Cardboard Products	989
15. Gasoline and Gas Cans	976
16. Desk Supplies	928
17. Chemicals (Unspecified)	872
18. Bathroom-related (Fixtures, Soap)	750
19. Bicycles	725
20. Manual Hand Tools (Screwdrivers, Hammers, etc.)	702

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