

# Most Dangerous Toys to Children's Eyes

In 2004, thousands of children age 14 and younger suffered serious eye injuries, even blindness, from toys. Many of these injuries were caused by guns—both toy and recreational, and playground equipment. This is what Prevent Blindness America recommends: Protect your children's eyes by not buying them guns or toys not meant for their age. You can also keep your children safe by showing them how to use toys, and if necessary, by watching them when they play. Below are toys linked with the most eye injuries in children age 14 and younger.

<b>TOY WEAPONS</b>	<b>Number of Eye Injuries</b>
Guns: Air, BB & Spring (BBs and pellets)	2,609
Toy Weapons (combined types)	462
Slingshots and Sling-Propelled Toys	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,160</b>

## **OTHER TOY PRODUCTS**

Toys (other and unclassified)	3,859
Fireworks (classified as toys)	1,069
Playground Equipment	669
Bicycles	628
Art Supplies and Crayons/Chalk	466
Trampolines	452
Scooters, Skateboards, Powered Riding Toys	182
Balloons	300
Toy Sports Equipment	240
ATV (4 wheel, 2 wheel)	457

**Table source: Prevent Blindness America.** Based on statistics provided by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Directorate for Epidemiology; National Injury Information Clearinghouse; National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS). Product Summary Report—Eye Injuries Only—Calendar Year 2004. NEISS data and estimates are based on injuries treated in hospital emergency rooms that patients say are related to products. Therefore, it is incorrect when using NEISS data to say the injuries were caused by the product.



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