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Toys Safety

Introduction:

Safety regulations should be applied to any product or material designed and intended for use in play by children of less than 14 years of age. Such toys can be mechanical, chemical or electrical toys, slides, swings, rings and similar toys attached to crossbeams, etc.

Adopted under Local Order – 61/1991 on The Public Health and Safety Department in the Emirate of Dubai, this Guideline will include and cover all toys manufactured and/or distributed to customers, and must be strictly complied with.



Guidelines:

1. No toys should be sold or distributed, which may harm or cause any form of danger to the intended user or others.
2. All toys must be designed and manufactured to standards, which do not expose the users to dangers by contact with skin, eyes or by ingestion or inhalation
3. All toys and their parts should not be in a size that can be ingested or taken inside the nose or ears if they are intended for children of age 3 years or below.
4. The chemical components in toys shall not have bioavailability in excess, for the following elements, as detailed in a table below:



<i>Element</i>	<i>Bioavailability, microgram/day</i>	<i>Element</i>	<i>Bioavailability, microgram/day</i>
• Antimony	0.2	• Chromium	0.3
• Arsenic	0.1	• Lead	0.7
• Barium	25.0	• Mercury	0.5
• Cadmium	0.6	• Selenium	5.0

Other chemical elements or compound not listed above with known toxic properties shall not be allowed unless with prior approval from Public Health and Safety Department.

5. Toys should not contain any material that can cause explosion due to chemical reaction, which may result from the mixing with other materials or by means of heat or oxidation.



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6. Toys generating heat on the surface, which is easily reach by the user, should be designed to keep the surface temperature low and prevent incidence of skin burn.
7. All toys should have labels showing the use of the toys and the possible dangers associated with its usage and the suitable age of the user. *See Appendix A.*
8. All toys shall be provided with adequate label specifying the minimum age of the intended users and the proper way of handling them, and that adult supervision is needed while in use, as and when necessary.
9. All toys intended for use in the water shall be provided with instructions for the maximum water depth and that they shall be operated only under adult supervision.
10. Skateboards, roller-skates, scooters and similar toys shall be provided with instructions about the type of safety equipment to be worn in their usage.
11. All toys and their parts shall be designed in such a way that they are fixed or installed with accessories for overcoming the dangers that may occur during the movement of their parts and they should not have any sharp edges.
12. All toys should be designed in a manner that they are user-friendly and safe by overcoming the possibility of the transfer of any health hazards from one person to another during their usage.
13. All toys shall be manufactured or treated in such a way to prevent them from igniting fire and any form of combustion, or in case of fire, it would delay the burning or the flame will stop immediately once the source is removed.
14. All toys shall be provided with a Safety Certificate, from the manufacturer or relevant governmental institute, showing the safety requirements for their usage.
15. The shape and design of the toys shall not have any objection with the tradition and religion.
16. No toys shall contain any source of radioactivity that may cause danger to the user or other persons' health
17. Toys producing (UV-B) radiation shall not be sold in the market.
18. Toys producing (UV-A) and (UV-C) shall have prior approval from Public Health and Safety Department before it can be sold in the market.

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19. Laser toys with Class 3A, 3B and 4 is not be allowed. No laser toys shall be sold in the market that may cause danger to the public or the user.
20. Toys producing visible light having an irradiance > 0.5 candela/cm² is not allowed.
21. Toys producing Ultraviolet and Infrared radiation shall not be allowed unless they are certified safe for use as per internationally recognized standard.
22. All toys shall be stored in dry and clean places.

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Appendix A

Warning Label and Marking

1. Toys which could be dangerous for children under 36 months of age shall bear the marking:

“Not Suitable for children under 36 months” or ***“Not suitable for children under 3 years”*** together with a brief description which may also appear in the instructions for use, of the specific risks calling for this restriction.
2. Slides, suspended swings and rings, trapezes, ropes and similar toys attached to a crossbeam.
 - a) Such toys shall be accompanied by instructions drawing attention to the need to carry out checks and maintenance of the main parts (suspension, fixings, anchorage, etc.) at regular and specified time intervals, and pointing out that if these checks are not carried out, the toy may cause a fall or overturn.
3. Functional toys are toys that are used in the same way as, and are often scale models of, appliances or installations intended for adults.
 - a) Functional toys or their packaging shall bear the marking
“Warning: to be used under the direct supervision of an adult.”
 - b) In addition, these toys shall be accompanied by directions giving instructions as well as the precautions to be taken by the user, with the warning that failure to take these precautions would expose the user to the hazards – to be specified – normally associated with the appliance or products of which the toy is a scale model or an imitation. It will also be indicated that the toy must be kept out of the reach of very young children.
4. Toys containing inherently dangerous substances or preparations.
 - a) The first aid to be given in the event of serious accidents resulting from the use of this type of toy shall also be mentioned. It shall be stated that the toys must be kept out of reach of very young children.

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- b) In addition to the instructions provided for in (a), chemical toys shall bear the following marking on their packaging:

“Warning: for children over (X) years only, for use under adult supervision.”

Note: (X) age to be decided by the manufacturer.

- c) In particular, the following are regarded as chemical toys: chemistry sets, plastic embedding sets, miniature workshops for ceramics, enameling or photography and similar toys.

5. Skates, Skateboards, scooter and similar toys for children

- a) If these products are offered for sale as toys they shall bear the marking:
“Warning: Protective equipment should be worn”

- b) Moreover, the instructions for use shall contain a reminder that the toy must be used with caution, since it requires great skill, so as to avoid falls or collisions causing injury to the user and third parties.

- c) Some indication shall also be given as to recommend protective equipment such as helmets, gloves, knee pads, elbow pads, etc.

6. Toys intended for use in water

- a) The following label/marking shall be used for toys intended for water:
“Warning! Only to be used in water in which the child is within its depths and under supervision”.

7. Imported toys must contain the CE mark together with other labeling requirements of EN71 or equivalent U.S./E.U. Standard