

If you sell products to the public you have a legal duty to ensure that the products are safe and meet relevant regulations.

A product is safe if it presents no risk (or almost no risk) to consumers if they use the product in the intended way.

Supplier Responsibilities

To make sure the products you sell are safe, you should have systems in place to check that your products;

- meet relevant laws;
- have instructions for putting the product together safely and using it safely;
- have adequate markings and warnings;
- are not damaged;
- are tested to make sure they meet all safety standards that apply;
- have accessible records of any testing;
- can be recalled if they are found to be dangerous; and
- are sold in line with any restrictions that apply.

About Us

Officers from the Environmental Health Department carry out a range of activities aimed at protecting customers and helping businesses meet their legal obligations.

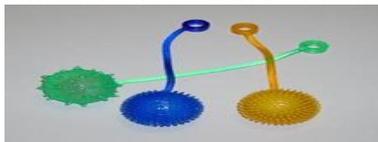
This leaflet contains pictures and information on some products which have recently been identified as having safety issues and therefore **MUST NOT** be sold. Should you be found to be selling unsafe products, such as those outlined overleaf, this Department may take enforcement action against you.

Products with Potential Safety Issues

Yo Yo Balls

Risk of strangulation hazard as the elastic cord can wrap around a child's neck.

The total length of the cord of the yo-yo ball during use must be less than 750 mm.



Teeth Whitening Kits

Risk of poisoning if contents have excess levels of Hydrogen Peroxide. Teeth whitening products containing Hydrogen Peroxide in excess of 0.1% must not be sold in general retail premises.



E Cigarettes and E Liquids

Risk of accidental poisoning if they do not have child proof caps. Risk of electric shock/fire from unsafe chargers. Issues with incorrect labelling. All products must comply with new Regulations from May 2017. Containers of e-liquids must be child resistant, have tamper resistant packaging and a health warning that nicotine is highly addictive. The strength of nicotine must be less than 20mg/ml, there is a maximum tank size of 2ml and refill container size is limited to 10ml. Electric chargers must be CE marked.



Lasers

Misuse of lasers can temporarily blind or dazzle persons. Only lasers that are rated Class 1 and Class 2, with a power level up to 1 milliwatt are considered suitable for use by the general public. The class marking will be on the packaging. Lasers that are Class 3 or Class 4 or with no classification markings are deemed to be dangerous.



Novelty Lighters

Potential to be mistaken as a toy and result in burns and fire if misused by children.



Children's clothing – draw strings/cords

Risk of strangulation in younger children or entrapment of cords or drawstrings in older children's clothing resulting in potential severe injuries.

There must be no drawstrings or cords on clothing for children aged 0-7 years and for clothing for children aged 7-14 yrs drawstrings must have no free ends and cords to have a maximum length of 75mm



Bling Dummies and Bling Dummy Clips

Risk of asphyxiation. Small 'gems' attached to brightly coloured dummies and bottles can easily fall off and form into clumps, leading to choking if they are swallowed.

**Toys with Batteries and Small Parts**

Risk of choking on small parts
Battery compartment of toys should be screwed down.

**Suction Toys**

Risk of choking. Suction caps that are easily removed could lead to choking.

**Shock Guns**

Require appropriate labelling to ensure not sold as toys.

**Fidget Spinners**

Fidget spinners sold at market stalls are classed as toys and should therefore be adequately labelled including CE marking.

**Magnets**

Risk of serious medical complications in intestines if swallowed.

The packaging and the instructions for use of magnetic sets with small magnets, intended for children over 8 years shall carry the appropriate warnings.

**Expanding toys**

Risk of obstruction of the intestines if swallowed. Expanding materials in toys or components of toys which are small in size shall not expand more than 50% in any dimension.



Product Safety

Further Information

For further advice and information on supplying safe goods contact the Environmental Health Department, Armagh City Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council

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