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Toy and Gift Safety Guidelines

All gifts in-kind to C.S. Mott Children's Hospital should conform to the safety and sanitary guidelines below.

- We need to check gifts for safety and age appropriateness and therefore ask that you please do not wrap them. Gift-wrapping paper, ribbons, tape and tags are welcomed donations.
- For safety and health reasons, toys and books should be new, with store tags attached.
- Due to infection control guidelines, donors are not allowed to personally distribute gifts directly to patients.
- Please avoid dollar store items because of recent safety recalls and their tendency to break.
- If you wish to donate beanie babies, blankets and other knitted items please contact us to see if there is a need.
- The Child and Family Life staff distributes donations in the interest of Mott patients. If a donation cannot be appropriately used in the children's hospital, we will distribute it at University Hospital, or pass it on to Ann Arbor Kiwanis, or other outside organizations.
- Please contact us about donating hand-made items.
- Avoid toys with many small parts that can be removed, swallowed or inhaled and toys that have sharp edges or protrusions that can be poked into eyes.
- Only new stuffed toys can be accepted because of air-borne mold, dust or other small particles that can aggravate a child's fragile immune system.
- Fire regulations forbid electrical, spark-producing or friction-producing toys.
- Painted toys must be non-toxic. Any glue or paint in craft kits must also be non-toxic.
- Please bring only mylar balloons with strings no longer than 12 inches. No latex balloons are permitted in Mott due to the potential threat of choking and latex sensitivity.
- Toys representing violent themes cannot be accepted.
- Toys with religious themes cannot be accepted.

Feedback

If you have further questions about in-kind donations, please contact Mott Community Relations at 734-764-1260 or mottcommunityrelations@umich.edu (<mailto:mottcommunityrelations@umich.edu>).

Thank you for your interest in helping families at U-M C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. Mott Community Relations and Child and Family Life, with support from community donors, helps to make the stays of patients a little easier through play, teaching, crafts, art and music therapies, and medical play.

Our Mott "wish list" includes items that are most used and requested by our activity therapists and patients. For safety and health reasons, be sure to review our list of [Toy and Gift Safety Guidelines](#). If you would like to help support our work with in-kind donations, please contact Mott Community Relations at 734-764-1260 and speak with a Mott Community Relations staff member.

Infant-Toddler (newborn to 2 years)

- Fisher Price Aquarium
- HoMedics Lullaby Sound Spa
- Munchkin Lulla-Vibe
- Fisher Price Laugh and Learn toys
- Oballs
- Rattles and teethingers

Preschool (3 to 5 years)

- Stuffed animals
- Duplo blocks
- Melissa and Doug wooden toys
- Fisher Price doctor kits
- Barbie/Disney dolls
- Imaginext figures
- Plastic baby dolls (no cloth bodies)
- Hot Wheels cars
- Thomas the Train
- Play-Doh and tools
- Paw Patrol toys
- Mickey Mouse and Friends toys

School Age (6 to 10 years)

- Action figures
- Barbie dolls
- Art sets
- Craft Kits
- Melissa and Doug wooden crafts
- Stuffed animals
- Lego sets
- Large cars and trucks
- Card games (Uno, Skip-Bo, Phase 10)
- Nintendo DS systems and games
- Xbox 360 games

Teen (11 to 16 years)

- Adult coloring books
- Colored pencils (Crayola or RoseArt)
- Headphones/earbuds
- Nerf basketball hoops
- Make-up sets
- Nail polish

- Nintendo DS and Xbox 360 games
- Portable DVD players
- College/sports apparel

School Items

- College-ruled paper and spirals
- Small stapler and staples
- Binder clips
- Binders
- Dividers
- Calculators
- TI-84 Plus graphing calculators
- Pocket folders
- Highlighters
- Markers
- Colored pencils and small sharpener
- Pens
- Agenda planners
- Erasers
- Pencils and mechanical pencils
- Pencil case
- Index cards
- Flash drive
- Locker organizers
- White out tape

Gift Cards

- Meijer
- Target
- Amazon
- Visa
- iTunes