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Product Safety This Holiday Season

Columbia, SC... The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (SCDCA) is urging consumers to be observant when purchasing toys and other gifts this holiday season. Consumers can protect themselves by staying informed and knowing what to look for.

SCDCA performs recall effectiveness checks for the Consumer Product Safety Commission each year. ***The main goal of these checks is to ensure that the retailer/seller has:***

- Been notified of the recall by the manufacturer of the product;
- Removed the recalled product from the shelves; and
- Posted the recall poster in a conspicuous place.

Consumers should make an effort to quickly review recall notices in stores, especially those they frequent. While recall poster placement differs depending on the retailer, they are typically found upon entering the store or in the customer service area.

Keep these things in mind when purchasing gifts as well as opening them:

- For children younger than age four, avoid toys with small parts.
- Scooters, roller skates and other riding toys can pose a fall hazard for children. Supervise children while these toys are in use; and outfit children in safety gear to minimize injury if they do fall.
- After opening gifts, remember to dispose of plastic wrapping and packaging immediately, as these things can pose a choking hazard.
- Keep toys designed for older children away from younger siblings.

Consumers can visit SCDCA's website to [view a list](#) of the latest recalls.

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