

Good to know if you are buying new toys:

♥ Firstly, try to choose toys made of **natural materials** such as wood.

♥ **Buy from reliable shops** if you want new toys and definitely try to choose a shop that is selling *ecological* toys.

♥ Smell the plastic toys. **If they have a strong smell, try to avoid them.** There is a risk that they may contain phthalates.

♥ **Avoid the toys that have a strong smell of perfume.** This may be added to hide the plastic smell and can be allergenic.

♥ **Ask in the shop.** As customer, you have the right to get an answer within 45 days about what the product contains and if it contains any dangerous chemicals. This right is stipulated in European Union's (EU) Chemicals Legislation.

♥ Check if the toy is marked with the **CE-marking***

* **The products marked with the CE-marking meet, according to the manufacturer and/or importer, the EU's regulations in terms of health, safety, function and environment.**



♥ The chemical requirements were sharpened by the **Toy Safety Directive of 2013** which refers to toys made within the European Union.

♥ More chemical hazards can be caused by: **toys imported from China, soft plastic and electronic toys.**

♥ Toys **should not be sold** if they are not marked with the CE-marking. Through this marking, it is proved by the manufacturer that the toys are complying with the EU legislation.



You can always bring the toys you are not sure about to our toy-swap activities! The children get stamps for all the toys so they can get funnier and safer toys while the parents can learn about how we can work together for making children's play less toxic.



Sources:

Reports from Naturskyddsföreningen:

- ♥ *Giffria barn leka bäst, 2013*
- ♥ *Från Godmorgon till Bolibompa, 2012*
- ♥ *Operation Giffri Förskola, 2014*

Reports from Kemikalieinspektionen (Chemical inspection in Sweden):

- ♥ *Kemikalier i barns vardag*