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Residents of Canada travelling outside of the country may shop for consumer products to bring home. Some products are prohibited in Canada and subject to being detained at the Canadian border. Others may need to meet Canadian safety requirements to be allowed into Canada. Many of these safety requirements are stricter in Canada than in other countries.

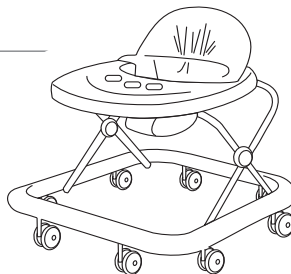
Be aware of consumer products that have safety requirements. Prepare yourself **BEFORE** you go.

Prohibited Products

The following is a partial list of consumer products that are prohibited for sale, importation and advertisement in Canada and subject to being detained at the border.

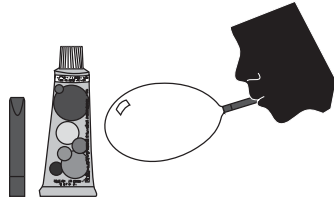
Baby Walkers

The use of baby walkers has resulted in serious injuries. Children have been injured, either from falling down stairs in a baby walker and from having increased access to hot surfaces, hot liquids and electrical cords.



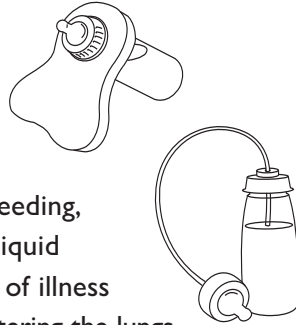
Balloon Blowing Kits

Some balloon blowing kits contain dangerous toxins that may be inhaled while blowing up the balloon.



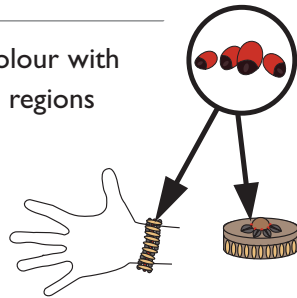
Infant Self-Feeding Devices

Infant self-feeding devices are structural devices to hold feeding bottles, allowing infants to feed themselves while unattended. When feeding, infants regurgitate small amounts of liquid food. If left unattended, there is a risk of illness or death from choking or from food entering the lungs.



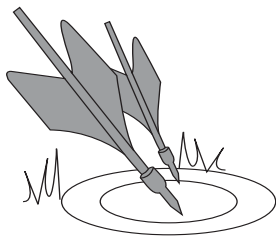
Jequiry Beans

Jequiry beans are orange or red in colour with a black end. They are found in tropical regions and are used to make items such as jewellery, artwork and percussion instruments. They are poisonous and can be fatal if swallowed.



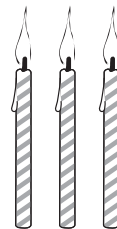
Lawn Darts with Elongated Tips

Lawn darts with elongated tips can cause serious injuries, including skull punctures.



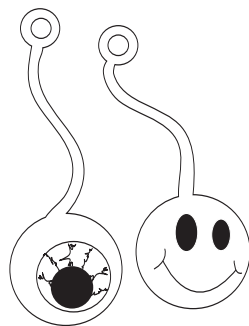
Relight Candles

Relight candles are joke candles that relight spontaneously once they have been extinguished. These create an unnecessary risk of fire.



Yo-Yo Balls

The yo-yo ball is a toy made of a soft, extremely pliable plastic and consists of a ball or other shape on a stretchy plastic cord (that can stretch to at least 50 cm) that may have a finger loop on one end. The toy presents a strangulation hazard because the very stretchy cord can become wrapped tightly around a child's neck, when swung overhead. This tight wrap coupled with the stickiness of the plastic cord make it very difficult to remove. This may lead to injury or strangulation of the child.



Regulated Products

The following is a partial list of consumer products that **must** meet Canadian safety requirements. It is illegal to import, sell or advertise these products in Canada if they do not meet all of the following requirements. They are subject to being detained at the border.

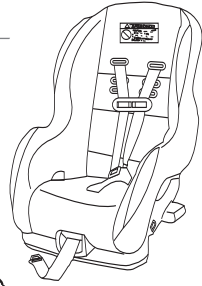
The following information can be used as a guide to assessing whether or not the product meets Canadian safety requirements. The information does not cover all safety requirements and more information can be found at **www.healthcanada.gc.ca/cps**, by calling toll-free (in Canada only) 1-866-662-0666, or 613-952-1014, or by e-mail **CPS-SPC@hc-sc.gc.ca**.

Baby Gates

- A label containing the following information must be permanently affixed to the gate:
 1. name and place of the Canadian business for the manufacturer, importer or distributor;
 2. model name or number;
 3. date of manufacture;
 4. warning statements, in English and French, about the intended use, age limits, and installation.
- Assembly instructions, in English and French, must accompany the product.
- Openings in a gate must be small enough to prevent a child from placing their head through the holes.
- Every exposed wooden, metal or plastic part must be smoothly finished and free of splinters, burrs, cracks, and other defects.

Car Seats

- All car seats must have a National Safety Mark on them. This means that they comply to the appropriate Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (CMVSS) [No. 213, 213.1, and 213.2. (Note: 213.5 car bed – legal for use in Canada only with a prescription)].



- A label or text moulded into the plastic containing the following information, in English and French, must be permanently affixed to the product:
 1. name and address of manufacturer, importer or retailer;
 2. model name and number;
 3. date of manufacture;
 4. statements for weight and height range of user;
 5. characteristics of vehicles in which the product is not to be used;
 6. warning statements;
 7. installation diagrams.

- The instructions, in English and French, for proper installation and use must be provided with the product.
- All forward-facing car seats must have a tether strap.
- All car seats must have a functional restraint system (harness system).

For further information on car seats, including recalls, contact Transport Canada at 1-800-333-0371 or visit their Web site at: www.tc.gc.ca/roadsafety.

Cribs

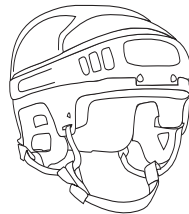
- A label containing the following information must be permanently affixed to the crib:
 1. name and place of the Canadian business for the manufacturer or importer;
 2. model name or number;
 3. date of manufacture;
 4. warning statements, in English and French, about following assembly instructions, the size of the mattress and proper use of product.



- The assembly instructions and parts list, in English and French, must be either permanently printed on the product or included in a pouch that is permanently attached to the crib.
- The gap between the slats must not be more than 6 cm (2 3/8 in) and the slats should not be loose or turn when twisted.
- If a mattress is supplied with the crib, it must be in good condition and no thicker than 15 cm (6 in) and of such a size that, when pushed firmly against the sides of the crib, does not leave a gap of more than 3 cm (1 3/16 in) between the mattress and any part of the crib's sides.
- The crib should not have corner posts which extend more than 3 mm (1/8 in) above the highest side.

Hockey Helmets and Face Protectors

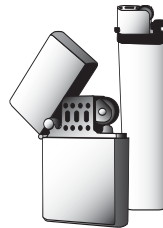
- Ice hockey helmets must meet the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) standard Z262.1. Face protectors for ice hockey must meet the CSA standard Z262.2. Helmets and face protectors must have labels showing these standards.



- A face protector must either be fastened securely to the helmet or, if sold separately, it must have hardware and instructions for proper installation.
- Ice hockey helmets must have a chin strap.
- For goaltender ice hockey helmets, where the face protector is attached to the helmet, the face protector must have a label showing CSA Z262.2 and the helmet must have a label showing CSA Z262.1.
- Ice hockey helmets must show the date the helmet was made. Helmets more than 5 years old should not be bought or sold, as the parts and materials can break down with age.
- Ice hockey helmets and face protectors must be in good condition. For example, there must be no cracks, bent wires, or missing parts. Helmets should not be modified after sale, for example no drilled holes, stickers, or re-painting. Face protectors should not be modified by cutting away wires.
- If in doubt, check the list of CSA certified products which is available at **<http://directories.csa-international.org/>**.

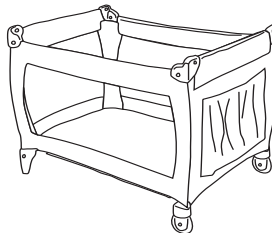
Lighters

- Check for a child-resistant lighting mechanism.
- Look for a label indicating the Canadian name and address of the company or importer.
- Must have a label stating “KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN / TENIR HORS DE LA PORTÉE DES ENFANTS”.
- Check for warnings and instructions. Refillable lighters must have refuel instructions.
- Check with the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority before boarding a plane with any lighters or fuel.



Playpens

- A label containing the following information must be permanently affixed to the playpen:
 1. name and place of business of manufacturer or importer;
 2. model name or number;
 3. date of manufacture;



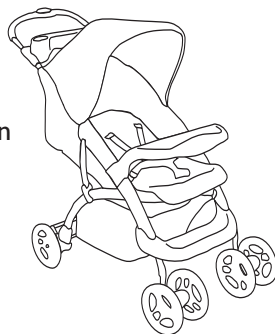
4. the following statement:

“This product complies with requirements of the *Playpens Regulations (Canada)* / Ce produit est conforme aux exigences du *Règlement sur les parcs pour enfants (Canada)*”.

- Assembly instructions, in English and French, must accompany the product.
- The height of the sides, as measured from the floor to the top of the rail, must be 48 cm (18.9 in) or more.
- If the playpen has mesh sides, the mesh must be small mosquito-type netting to prevent buttons located near the head and neck on children’s clothing from catching and leading to strangulation.

Strollers

- The following information must be permanently affixed to the product, in English and French:
 1. name and place of business of manufacturer or importer;
 2. model name or number;
 3. year and month of manufacture;



4. warning statements, in English and French, about never leaving a child unattended; using the lap belt; and using the parcel bag only as recommended by the manufacturer.
- The stroller must have a braking device in working order.
 - The stroller must have a working restraint system attached to the frame or upholstery, that consists of a lap belt and another restraint, such as a harness, to prevent the child from sliding down.
 - Strollers that fold must lock automatically when opened to prevent the product from folding by itself.
 - The stroller must have, in English and French, instructions for assembly, use, maintenance, and safety.

For more information, contact
Consumer Product Safety, Health Canada:

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or e-mail **cps-spc@hc-sc.gc.ca,**

or visit

www.healthcanada.gc.ca/travellingcanadians.