



TOY GUIDELINES

Thank you for your interest in donating items for the patients at the Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children. We need toys and other recreational materials for our patients—from infants to teens—throughout the year. We ask that the items comply with the following guidelines.

- **All toys must be NEW.** No matter how clean they appear, even gently used toys may harbor potentially harmful germs and/or allergens.
- Painted toys and craft items such as glue, crayons or paint **should be labeled non-toxic.**
- Please **do not gift-wrap** items.
- Please avoid the following:
 - Latex balloons – some children may have latex allergies. Mylar balloons are welcome.
 - Toys with detachable parts (like button eyes) that can be removed and swallowed
 - Glass or brittle plastic toys – they can break and leave sharp edges that can injure eyes
 - Toys with parts that can pinch fingers, toes or catch hair
 - Stuffed animals and toys – they are filled with materials that may be choking hazards. Please do not bring Beanie Babies.
 - Humorous medical toys and games – they may cause fears and misconceptions.
 - Any religion-themed items – we are a state institution and must abide by separation of church and state statutes
 - Electrical, spark-producing or friction-producing toys

Suggested Toy Ideas

Infants: music boxes, rattles, soft rubber dolls, infant mirrors, busy boxes, teethingers

Toddlers: push/pull/talking toys, music boxes, shape sorters, trucks, musical instruments, picture books

Preschool: activity books, cars and trucks, balls, duplos, board books and puzzles

School Age: board games, playing cards, model and building sets, puzzles, Barbies

Adolescent: board games, puzzle books, make up kits, craft kits, caps, picture frames, UNO cards