

Consumer Affairs Victoria

Product Safety Factsheet

Baby Dummies

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To prevent a choking hazard which could lead to serious injury or death, the Minister for Consumer Affairs issued an interim ban order on 25 August 2006. This interim order revokes the previous order dated 2 August 2006.

The interim ban order prevents the supply of dummies that do not comply with clauses 6, 7 and 8 of the Australian Standard AS 2432 – 1991 but excludes dummies that comply with European Standard: EN 1400:2002 or the American Code of Federal Regulations Title 16, Part 1511.

The interim ban order applies for three months, unless revoked earlier.

Need more information?

Call Consumer Affairs Victoria Helpline on 1300 55 81 81.

Hazards

Baby dummies that do not comply with safety standards are a potential choking risk for young children.

Mandatory safety standard

It is important that dummies comply with the Australian Standard AS 2431 – 1991 or with European Standard: EN 1400:2002 or the American Code of federal Regulations Title 16, Part 1511.

The order prevents the supply of dummies that do not comply with these standards which have safety requirements for the design, construction, performance and packaging of dummies.

When buying a baby's dummy, check with the supplier that it complies with the Australian, European or American standard.

Important safety tips

Make sure:

- the dummy is used only under adult supervision
- the dummy has no loose parts
- the dummy's shield is smooth, rigid and large enough to prevent the whole of the shield entering the baby's mouth
- the shield has two or more ventilation holes
- the dummy is not tied around the baby's neck as it presents a strangulation danger
- the dummy is sterilised before use.

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More information

Information on product safety is available from:
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Quick Tip

Make sure the dummy's shield is smooth, rigid and large enough to prevent the whole of the shield entering the baby's mouth.

Further reading

Consumer Affairs Victoria has a range of Product Safety related factsheets:

- Baby walker safety
- Bunk bed safety
- Children and water – keeping them safe
- Choosing a cot
- Curtain and blind cords
- Laser pointers
- Pram and stroller safety
- Supplying safe cots - facts for traders
- Toughened glass
- Toy safety checklist
- Toys for children under three



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