

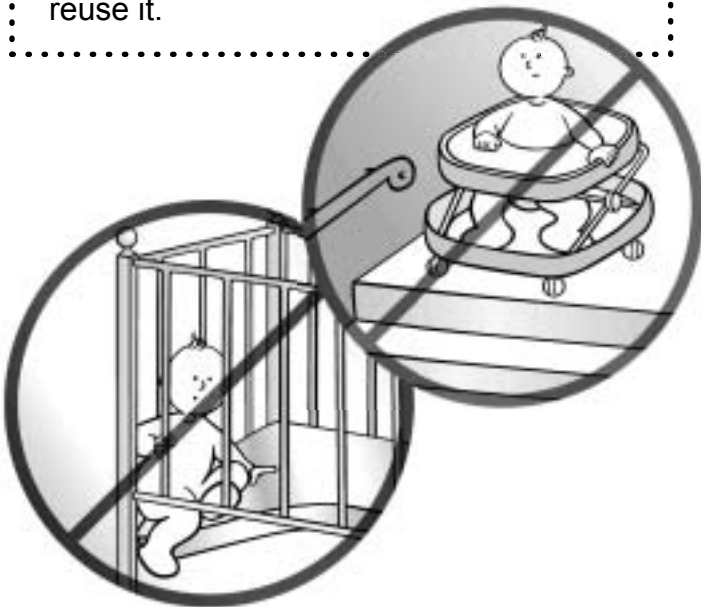
How to Dispose of Children's Products Safely

Many unsafe children's products are still being used, passed down through families, or sold secondhand. Disposing of unsafe children's products is an effective way to reduce injuries.

Safe Kids Canada recommends disposing of:

- Baby walkers with wheels
 - Baby bath seats
 - Cribs made before 1986
 - Recalled playpens
 - Recalled, old or damaged car seats
 - Bike helmets more than 5 years old
- ... among other items.

When putting out these items for garbage collection or recycling, take steps to ensure that no one else will pick it up to reuse it.



Baby walkers:

Destroy or remove detachable toys, wheels, and seats of baby walkers.

Baby bath seats:

Remove the suction cups from the bath seat and safely destroy, or damage the plastic seat.

Cribs:

Break the crib parts into non-usable pieces. If possible, recycle plastic, wood, and metal pieces, and destroy the mattress.

Playpens:

Remove the mesh netting and place it in a garbage bag. If possible, dismantle the playpen by removing nuts and bolts before collection.

Baby gates:

If possible, un hinge and dismantle accordion-style baby gates before placing for collection. If it is not possible to dismantle the gate, tie up the gate and place in a dark garbage bag.

Car seats:

Car seats should not be reused if they have been involved in a crash, or if they are cracked or broken. Cut the harness straps in half; remove all covers and padding, and visibly damage the seat with a hammer so that the seat cannot be used again. Recycling centres may accept plastic shells.

Bicycle helmets:

Remove the foam core, if possible, and cut the chinstraps. Hammer and visibly damage the plastic shell so no one else can use the helmet. By safely disposing of children's products you can help to reduce injuries.



To check for Product Recalls:

- ▶ Call the company or visit their website
- ▶ For children's product recalls and advisories contact Health Canada's Product Safety Program
 - Product recalls: www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ehp/ehd/psb/juvenile_product_recalls.htm
 - Advisories or warnings: www.hc-sc.gc.ca/english/protection/warnings.html
 - Telephone: 1-800 O-Canada
- ▶ Recalls from the U.S.
 - Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prerel.html
 - Telephone: 1-800-638-2772
- ▶ Car Seats
 - Transport Canada www.tc.gc.ca/roadsafety/childsafec/index_e.htm
 - Telephone: 1-800-333-0371.

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