

Manufacturing Standards and Safety Information

Rich Frog and Toy Safety

Children's safety is Rich Frog's first priority. Toy safety starts with good design. We build product safety into our toys from the very beginning, and we always err on the side of caution.

The following information is intended to give you a greater understanding of the steps that Rich Frog takes to make our toys safe for your children.



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Safe Toys, Quality Toys

At Rich Frog we strive to design and produce safe and well-made toys. We keep safety in mind from the first moment we pick up a pencil at the drawing board and throughout the entire development process. For example, any rattles, squeakers or magnets used in our toys are always placed in their own fabric bag, which is then stitched into place to ensure that this element cannot come loose and be ingested. Once our toys are designed and ready for production, we test them to ensure compliance with existing standards.



Product Testing

Our toys are tested for safety before we go into production, and the final products are tested again afterwards. These tests cover a number of areas such as:

- Mechanical and Physical Test to ensure that the toy is sturdy enough for the intended age group.
- Drop Test to ensure that the toy can withstand being dropped onto the floor.
- Small Parts Test to ensure that the toy has no loose small parts or small parts that could become detached from the toy, and thus form a choking hazard to small children.
- Flammability Test to ensure that the toy will not burn quickly when exposed to flame.
- Toxic Elements Analysis to test for the presence of lead, cadmium or any other toxic chemicals in a toy or in any paints or dyes used to decorate the toy.
- Labeling Test to ensure that the packaging is appropriately labeled for the intended age group.



The tests mentioned above are performed in order to ensure that our toys meet or exceed the standards as defined by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) as well as the European standards EN-71.

Non-Toxic Paints and Dyes

We use paints on our wooden, rubber and plastic toys, and we use dyes to color our fabrics. All of these paints and dyes are non-toxic. We require that our suppliers use reliable sources for paints and dyes, and we require that our suppliers test the paints and dyes as described under “Product Testing”.



Plastics

About PVC

PVC (normally referred to as “vinyl”) is a soft plastic that is used for many products, including toys. It is made soft by adding a type of chemical known as a “plasticizer”. The most common plasticizers are a family of chemicals known as phthalates. However, phthalates have been associated with health risks, and have been banned in Europe since 1999, and in California since 2007. There are other, more expensive, plasticizers available that do not appear to have the health risks associated with phthalates.



- We have required since 1999 that our suppliers use safe alternatives to phthalates.

About Bisphenol-A

Bisphenol-A (BPA) is a chemical widely used to strengthen certain plastics, but it has also been linked to children’s health issues.

- We do not and have never used BPA in any of our toys.

Age Labeling

Not all toys are appropriate for all children. It is very important to keep any toy labeled “not for children under three years of age” out of the hands of small children, because they are too small or contain small parts which can be a choking hazard.



Sub-Contractors

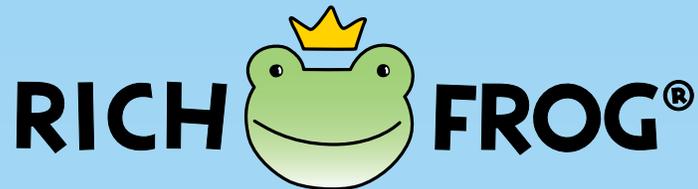
The nature of our business means that we contract with factories to manufacture our designs. We will only work with suppliers that we know and trust. At the time of this writing we are working with manufacturers in China, Spain, Thailand, Germany, Taiwan, Sri Lanka, and the United States. Our relationships with these factories go back many years, and we visit them often, know them well and trust them completely. In spite of recent perceptions that toys from China are dangerous, we know that with proper testing and oversight, toys made in China are as safe as those made in any other country in the world.



Labor Practices

Of equal importance to us at Rich Frog is that we can be sure that the sub-contractors we use treat their employees fairly. We choose our partners carefully, and we attempt to regularly visit the factories where our toys are made, so that we can feel comfortable about the working conditions in those places. Furthermore, we ask the factory to show that it has been accredited by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) or by the International Council of Toy Industries (ICTI).





Looking for more information?



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If you are interested in finding out more about toy safety and what is being done to safeguard our children, here are a few places to look:

- Toy Manufacturers of America
www.toyassociation.org
- Oppenheim Toy Portfolio
www.toyportfolio.com
- Published Safety Standards
www.astm.com
- International Council of Toy Industries
www.toy-icti.org
- International Organization for Standardization
www.iso.org



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