



Toddlers

During the second year, toddlers are moving around more, and are aware of themselves and their surroundings. Their desire to explore new objects and people also increasing. During this stage, toddlers will show greater independence; begin to show defiant behavior; recognize themselves in pictures or a mirror; and imitate the behavior of others, especially adults and older children. Toddlers also should be able to recognize the names of familiar people and objects, form simple phrases and sentences, and follow simple instructions and directions.

Holiday Safety

It's that time of year again when we enjoy festive meals with family and friends, deck our halls with colorful decorations and listen to squeals of delight as our children open their brightly-wrapped presents. To help ensure your kids have fun and stay safe this holiday, here are a few tips to remember.

- Check all toys to make sure they are age appropriate. Avoid toys with small pieces and choking hazards.
- Decorate the tree with your kids in mind. Avoid placing breakable ornaments in children's reach.
- Keep a special eye on small pieces, including button batteries that may be included in electronic toys.

