

# Children's Hospital - Donating Guidelines

For a more detailed list, go to [Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh toy donations](#)

In a hospital setting, safety and infection prevention are of utmost importance. To support the health and well-being of our patients, please keep the following guidelines in mind when donating:

- All donated items must be **NEW** (store-bought and in original packaging) and **SAFE** (non-toxic)
- We **CANNOT** accept used or "previously loved" items
- We **CANNOT** accept items that have been stored or an extended period of time, are no longer clean/fresh, or have a strong odor (perfume, cigarette, etc.)
- Homemade items must meet strict approval guidelines—please contact the Child Life Department at 412-692-9691 prior to making the items to ensure the donation supports the guidelines. We are no longer able to accept knitted or crocheted hats.
- **PLEASE DO NOT GIFT WRAP** the donation.

## Ages / Abilities

### Infants and Toddlers (Items labeled for ages 0-2 years)

- Gift cards – Babies R Us, Target, Walmart, etc.
- Infant gyms – i.e. Little Tykes 5-in-1 Adjustable Gym®, Chicco Duo Gym®
- Rattles, teethingers, small hand toys
- Activity, light-up, and/or musical toys

### Pre-school Age Children (Items labeled for ages 3-5 years)

- Gift cards – Toys R Us, Target, Walmart, etc.
- Pretend play – i.e. kitchen, baby dolls (plastic), tools, etc.
- Animals, dinosaurs, people figures, etc.
- Popular characters – i.e. Thomas the Train®, Sesame Street®, Disney®, etc.
- Little People®, V-Tech®, Fisher Price®, Baby Einstein®, Step 2®, Little Tikes®, etc.

### School Age Children (Items labeled for ages 6-12 years)

- Gift cards – Toys R Us, Target, Walmart, etc.
- Legos ®
- Cars and trucks (**non-remote controlled**) – i.e. Matchbox®
- Barbie® dolls, including Ken® and various ethnicities
- Action figures, super heroes (**non-violent**)
- Art kits

## Teens (Items labeled for ages 13 years and older)

- Gift cards – i.e. Target, Wal-Mart, Amazon, clothing stores, etc.
- Kits – i.e. craft, model, building
- Lego's® Architecture
- Clothing – pants (pajama, sweat, leggings), t-shirts, sweatshirts, fuzzy socks, etc.
- Accessories – hair, nail polish, jewelry, etc.
- Sports – i.e. Steelers, Penguins, Pirates, college, etc.

## Arts and Crafts

- Gift cards – Michael's®, JoAnn Fabrics®, etc.
- Craft kits - i.e. jewelry, foam, wooden, ceramic, suncatchers, etc.
- Plain canvas tote bags, pillowcases, bandanas, etc.
- Scrapbooking supplies–i.e. albums, paper, embellishments, etc.

## Music

- iPods® MP3 players
- Headphones – vinyl, earbuds, etc.

## Electronics

- Portable DVD players
- Newest games systems: Xbox, Playstation, Nintendo DS
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- iPads and protective cases
- Tablets and protective cases