

# Yale-New Haven Hospital & Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital

## Donation Guidelines

### GUIDELINES

Following infection control guidelines is critical in a hospital setting. To protect our patients, we can only accept new items. When purchasing or making toys for our patients, please be aware that we cannot accept the following:

- Used toys and stuffed animals
- Toys stuffed with shredded foam, small pellets or beans. Look for items with fabric or solid foam
- Toys with small or detachable parts (such as button eyes) that could be removed and swallowed or inhaled
- Electrical, spark-producing or friction-producing toys
- Movie tapes in VCR format
- Fragile toys that can break into small pieces with sharp edges
- Toys made of glass or brittle plastic
- Toys with sharp edges or protrusions
- Toys or craft kits with toxic or lead-based paints, latex or glues
- Toys with parts that can pinch fingers or pull hair
- Medical toys and games as these may arouse fear and cause misconceptions
- Toy guns and other violent toys
- Latex or rubber balloons or toys that are made of these substances

Please note: We do accept Mylar balloons.

**All donated items must be new and unwrapped.**

**Your thoughtfulness and generosity are very much appreciated.**

To arrange for a date and time to bring your donation into the hospital,  
or if you should have any questions, please contact the  
Child Life Department at (203) 688-2334 or email [Ellen.Good@ynhh.org](mailto:Ellen.Good@ynhh.org).

**Thank you for donating to Yale-New Haven Hospital and  
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