

Dora Trike and Wiggles Clock

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Businesses have a responsibility to supply safe products. Unfortunately sometimes things go wrong and a product that has the potential to cause injury can end up in the market place. When this occurs the business should act responsibly and quickly to retrieve the product by instigating a recall.

In October 2010 Mattel Pty Limited commenced global recalls for Fisher-Price high chairs and children's toys due to potential lacerations, groin injuries and choking hazards.

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- › Kawasaki Dora the Explorer Tough Trike toddler tricycles;
- › Little People Wheelies Stand 'n Play Rampway
- › Baby Gymnastics Play Wall
- › Ocean Wonders Kick & Crawl Aquarium
- › Baby Gymnastics 1-2-3 Tetherball
- › Baby Gymnastics Bat & Score Goal and
- › the Health Care Close to Me and Easy Clean High Chairs.

In November 2010, Next Media recalled its Wiggles toy clock that had been offered as a free gift with Issue #97 of *The Wiggles Magazine* between September and October 2010. The magazine was sold nationally at selected newsagents and supermarkets.

The recall was initiated after a two-year old was able to remove the small hands of the clock, which presented a choking hazard to young children. A small plastic spindle that fixes the clock-hands to the dial also came loose once the hands were removed.

The small parts pose a potential choking hazard and should be kept away from children 36 months of age and under.

Further information on how to deal with each of these recalled products is at the ACCC website www.recalls.gov.au

