

Guidance for suppliers of second hand goods



Meet these checks or reject

Always check product is not subject to a recall. Remember it is an offence to sell unsafe goods.

Nursery goods

Prams and pushchairs

- **brakes** – these should work and be able to stop a full pram or pushchair on a slope. Also carefully examine the tyres as these can affect how the brakes perform;
- **locking devices** – there should be two locking devices on each machine so that when the main lock is released, the secondary lock should prevent the frame from collapsing;
- **harness** – a secure safety harness must be fitted;
- **look for damage** caused by wear and tear. Check to make sure that there are no areas where a child's fingers could be caught. The frame should be secure and there should be no sharp edges or exposed parts; and
- **look for a label** headed 'Carelessness causes fire' as this shows the fabric adheres to all conditions on flammability.

Playpens

Look for standard **BS EN 12227** to ensure the playpen meets standards. In addition check:

- mesh netting has a very small weave (less than 7mm) smaller than the tiny buttons on a baby's clothing;
- slat spaces on wooden playpens are no more than 65mm in width; and
- hinges and locking mechanisms are working correctly.

High chairs

Look for standard **BS 14988-1** to ensure the high chair meets safety standards. In addition check:

- chair is stable;
- chair comes with a five point harness;
- harness is strong and durable and can be easily fastened and unfastened;
- waist belt has a buckle that cannot be fastened unless the crotch strap is also used; and
- no sharp edges on the tray and no loose nuts or other small parts.

Baby goods and cots

Look for standard **BS EN 716** to ensure products meet safety standards. In addition check:

- cot does not have any corner posts or knobs that could be a strangulation hazard;
- there are no openings that a child could get their head caught in and suffocate;
- cot is 50cms deep to stop the child climbing out;
- spacing between the bars should not be less than 25mm or more than 60mm.

Do not sell car seats for children as you may be unaware if the seat has been involved in an accident and no longer safe to use.

Toys

Toys must:

- be marked with the CE or UKCA mark;
- have no loose parts, for example eyes, buttons (choking hazards);
- have no sharp edges, points or finger trapping hazards;
- have no damaged seams or stitching (soft toys); and
- have, where possible, instructions and markings for safe use;
- not allow children to access the battery compartment. Battery operated toys should only be accessible with the use of a special tool, such as a screwdriver.

All toys containing magnets or consisting of magnetic components pose a danger and need to carry a warning like below:

WARNING: This toy contains magnets or magnetic components. Magnets sticking together or becoming attached to a metallic object inside the human body can cause serious or fatal injury. Seek immediate medical help if magnets are swallowed or inhaled.

Children's clothes

Look for standard **BS EN 14682** to ensure children's clothes meet safety standards. They must:

- not have functional or decorative cords in the neck area (includes all children up to age 7);
- not have functional or decorative cords in the waist area exceeding 140mm (includes all children and young persons up to age 14); and
- not have loose buttons or novelty features.

Gas appliances

A qualified person must check each appliance thoroughly before you supply it.

Cookers must:

- be marked with the CE or UKCA mark;
- have clear markings on the controls;
- be marked with the manufacturer's or importer's name;
- have suitable pan supports;
- have tap handles which are easy to use but cannot be turned accidentally;
- ignite quickly;
- have oven doors which seal in hot gases;
- have instructions or how to use them safely;
- have flames which are stable;
- have a shut-off device which turns off the gas if the flame is accidentally blown out;
- have no sharp edges;
- not have a casing which gets hot enough to injure someone.

Electrical goods

Electrical appliances must:

- be marked with the CE or UKCA mark;
- have no visual signs of damage or access to live parts;
- have a securely fitted three pin approved plug, fused correctly and marked ASTA, BEAB or BSI;
- have no worn, frayed or badly twisted leads or flexes; and
- have no sign or scorching or overheating.

Bicycles

New bicycles are manufactured to specific standards. Look for **BS EN 4210** and **BS ISO 5775** to ensure bikes meet safety standards. Second-hand bicycles are subject to the same requirements.

Furniture

Domestic upholstered furniture must meet the requirements of relevant furniture regulations. Items should also be safe and labelled.

Remember all goods must be:

clean and in good working order

free from defects or damage

free from trapping hazards

free from sharp edges

provided with working safety features