



Stripey Stork – Safety Information & Checklists

Goods passed on by Stripey Stork must be safe and fit for purpose. Our guidance is based on that provided by Trading Standards.

Children's Toys

All children's toys must meet strict safety requirements, whether they are new or second-hand. All new toys are required to bear a CE mark, which is a declaration that the toy complies with safety requirements.

When you receive a second-hand toy to pass on, whether CE marked or not, you should thoroughly inspect it to ensure that it is not unsafe.

Generally speaking, toys must not:

- Be made of flammable materials
- Have sharp edges or points
- Have easily detached parts or features (eyes, buttons, stuffing etc.)
- Contain toxic substances, or be painted with toxic paints
- Operate at more than 24 volts

Toys should be designed and manufactured to meet standards of hygiene and cleanliness and avoid any risk of infection, sickness or contamination.

To avoid suffocation, plastic bags used for packing toys must be too small for a child's head, and should be made of plastic which is of sufficient thickness not to pose a suffocation risk.

Bear in mind that small parts are a choking hazard to children under 36 months of age.

Wheeled child conveyances regulations - Prams, buggies, travel systems

The term 'wheeled child conveyances' refers to all wheeled vehicles designed to carry one or two babies or infants, but does not apply to transporters for carrycots, toys or vehicles enabling children to move themselves about.

Items must conform to the three points below:

1. Wheeled child conveyances must conform to British Standard 7409 (or an equivalent European Standard) and must be marked BS 7409:1996, together with the name or trademark of the manufacturer or importer. The label with these details is usually found on the frame or seat covering
2. A permanent notice on the vehicle must state:
Children should be harnessed in at all times and should never be left unattended. The child should be clear of moving parts while making adjustments. This vehicle requires regular maintenance by the user. Overloading, incorrect folding and the use of non-approved accessories may damage or break this vehicle. Read the instructions.
3. Instructions in English must be supplied with each vehicle. They should relate to the operation, assemble, use and maintenance of the vehicle. If the original instructions are lost then replacements may be downloaded from the internet.

Special advice regarding Maclaren pushchairs

If you are checking one of the Maclaren models – Volo, Triumph, Quest Sport, Quest Mod, Techno XT, TechnoXLR, Twin Triumph, Twin Techno and Easy Traveller – it must be fitted with a hinge safety cover. Covers are available, free of charge, from the Maclaren website <http://covers.maclaren.co.uk/> and must be fitted before passing on to a new family.

Pram & Buggy Safety Checklist

Stripey Stork checks all donated prams and buggies, and other baby items, to assess their suitability for re-homing. Safety is of paramount importance to us. Stripey Stork are not legally obliged to meet all the safety requirements that apply to the sale of new and second hand products, however we choose to review each and every item for the benefit of the recipient.

Make and model:

Reviewer:

Date of review:

	Yes	No
Have you checked that there are no sharp edges or points on the pram/buggy?		
Does the pram/buggy have a parking brake that works correctly?		
Are the pram/buggy wheels secure with no evidence of any heavy wear on the edges of wheels?		
Does the pram/buggy have a clearly visible safe-use warning label?		
Does the pram/buggy have a safety harness that holds the baby safely within the seat? Have you checked that it works correctly?		
Have you checked the general stability of the pram in all directions (forwards, backwards and sideways left and right)?		
Have you checked that the tubes or linkages have not been bent by heavy impact with kerbs or stairs?		
Does the pram/buggy have a manual included?		
Has the upholstery been cleaned and checked?		
Is the permanent label headed 'Carelessness Causes Fire' is present indicating compliance with the flammability requirements?		
Have the tyres been checked and inflated?		
Does the pram/buggy come with a rain cover?		

Additional comments:

Cot/Cotbed Safety Checklist

Stripey Stork checks all donated cots/cot beds, and other baby items, to assess their suitability for re-homing. Safety is of paramount importance to us. Stripey Stork are not legally obliged to meet all the safety requirements that apply to the sale of new and second hand products, however we choose to review each and every item for the benefit of the recipient.

Make and model:

Reviewer:

Date of review:

	Yes	No
Is there a permanent information label giving details of the size of the mattress to be used?		
Does the mattress (if a new one is provided) have a label indicating compliance with BS7177?		
Spacing between the cot bars cannot be less than 25mm or more than 60mm – has this been checked?		
Are there any open ended tubes, sharp edges or easily removed small parts?		
Are all the screws fitting supplied and securely attached to the base of the cot?		
Has an instruction manual been included?		

Additional comments:

Highchair Safety Checklist

Stripey Stork checks all donated highchairs, and other baby items, to assess their suitability for re-homing. Safety is of paramount importance to us. Stripey Stork are not legally obliged to meet all the safety requirements that apply to the sale of new and second hand products, however we choose to review each and every item for the benefit of the recipient.

Make and model:

Reviewer:

Date of review:

	Yes	No
Does the highchair have a harness that goes round the child's waist and between their legs?		
Does the highchair have a strong, sturdy framework and a wide, stable base?		
Does the highchair have a back rest that doesn't squeak, move, sag or collapse under pressure?		
If the highchair is a folding one, it is stable and do all locks work?		
Ensure there are no sharp edges or moving parts than can cut, trap or crush baby's fingers.		
If the highchair has four castors (small wheels), does the front or back pair have brakes (usually a small black switch)?		
Is the highchair clean and in good condition?		
For more complex folding highchairs, has a copy of the manual been included?		

Additional comments: