

Safety Fact Sheet

Jolly Jumpers



Description:

Baby jumpers, often called Jolly Jumpers, are a type of play equipment. They are designed to support a baby or child, who is not yet able to stand, in a semi-standing position. Jumpers consist of a sling-like seat which is hung from the top of a door frame using a clamp or suspended within a tripod frame. The baby or child's feet touch the floor allowing him or her to bounce up and down by pushing his or her feet against the floor.

Potential Hazards:

Falls

- The clamp holding the jumper in place may break, causing a baby to fall.
- The jumper straps attaching the seat to the clamp may break, causing a baby to fall.

Struck by object

- Babies in the jumper may sustain injuries if other children push the jumper into doorways.

Injuries:

While it is known that babies have sustained injuries from jumpers, there are no published statistics available.

Law or Australian Standard:

There are no laws or Australian Standards relating to jumpers. Please keep in mind the safety reminders below when considering the purchase and use of jumpers for children.

Remember:

The Children's Hospital at Westmead recommends that you do not use a jolly jumper with your child.

If you decide to use a jolly jumper, please consider the safety advice below.

- Only use a jumper when your child is able to sit up unaided.
- Choose a jumper that is appropriate for your child's height, weight and age.
- If using a second hand jumper, ensure that all its parts are intact and in working order.
- Carefully select a doorframe that can support the weight of the jumper and child, and follow instructions manufacturer instructions when installing the jumper on the door frame.
- Check that the clamps and straps are properly secured before placing your child in a jumper.
- Teach siblings not to push or pull the jumper while a child is in it.
- When not in use, remove the jumper from the door frame.
- Always supervise your child when in a jumper.

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