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(USA) Un organisme d'intérêt public du Massachussetts sonne l'alarme concernant les jouets dangereux à la veille de la saison des achats de Noël. En haut de la liste se trouve "Little Hands Love", un livre de dentition destiné aux tout petits qui contient des niveaux de plomb trop élevés. D'autres articles contiennent des phtalates bien au-delà les niveaux autorisés au niveau fédéral.

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Shopping season warning issued on dangerous toys

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SALEM, Mass. — A Massachusetts public interest organization has sounded its annual dangerous toy alarm on the eve of the Christmas shopping season.

At the top of the list is the children's book "Little Hands Love," meant to be a teething toy but which the Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group (MassPIRG) said contains lead levels higher than allowed under the nation's Consumer Protection Safety Act.

MassPIRG representative Sean McGrath presented the organization's annual report on toys at a press conference this week in this Boston suburb.

He said 200,000 toys were recalled by the Consumer Products Safety Commission this past year, and that an even higher number, 3.5 million toys, were determined to pose choking hazards.

Forty-one children in the U.S. choked to death on toys between 2005 and 2009, according to the MassPIRG report.

McGrath urged parents to educate themselves about newer hazards, such as phthalates, chemical additives that make plastic soft but can impair a child's development.

He produced a pair of "Joking Around Funny Glasses," purchased at a local store, that he said contained phthalates way beyond the federal acceptable level.

State Rep. John Keenan joined with McGrath to warn parents and shoppers about toys that contain toxic material or are too noisy for children's ears.

"Manufacturers come up with creative ways to come up with dangerous toys," said Kennan.