

Product Safety

A consumer should make certain a **product** is **safe** and intended for the age of the consumer who will be using it. A consumer should also read the instructions before using a product, to learn how to use the **product safely**.

Many products, such as toys, list a recommended age range on their packaging. This information lets consumers know that a product:

- may not be safe if used by consumers under the age(s) listed.
- has been designed for the learning level of the age(s) listed.

There are many items in your home that can be harmful if not used properly. Do you have any magnets in your home? The Consumer Product Safety Commission lists magnets as the No. 1 hidden home hazard. If swallowed, they can cause serious damage to your stomach and intestines. But if you were to use a magnet properly, you would never have a magnet in your mouth, much less swallow it.

*In order to be **safe**, consumers should use a **product** only for its intended use. Draw a line from the products on the left to what they should be used for on the right.*

