

Choosing a Baby Walker or Exersaucer

Baby walkers and Exersaucers are helpful items that let your baby have fun while building muscle and coordination skills. These activity centres are also great for giving parents a break to do other things around the home.

Walkers - The first thing to keep in mind about walkers is they do not help your baby start walking at an earlier age. The second thing to keep in mind is walkers can be dangerous if you do not keep an eye on your child at all times. Once your baby is in a walker they are mobile and can bump into things, knock things off of other furniture and potentially fall down the stairs. While walkers provide great entertainment to babies, you will want to choose one and use it carefully.

Exersaucers - Exersaucers are stationary entertainment toys that allow your baby to jump, spin, rock and play with all of the attached toys, while staying safely in one place. Most parents now feel that exersaucers are the safest and most entertaining form of activity centre.

What to look for when shopping

Walkers - Look for walkers with a very wide base; wheels that lock and friction strips that stop the movement of the walker on uneven surfaces or edges. You will want a walker that has a tray or places to attach toys and one that has several height adjustments so your baby can continue to use it as he or she grows. Make sure there are no small parts that can come off and no areas where your baby's toes or fingers could get caught.

Exersaucers - You will want a Exersaucer with several height adjustments, a seat that can spin 360 degrees, a wide selection of stimulating toys and fold out stands to keep your baby from bouncing when you don't want them to. Look at the different toys that are on the Exersaucer; make sure you get one with a wide variety of colours, sounds and textures. Make sure there are no small parts that can come off and no areas where your baby's toes or fingers could get caught.

Safety Tips

- Never leave your baby unattended in a walker or Exersaucer.
- Inspect the walker or Exersaucer regularly for signs of wear, worn or loose parts and rough edges.
- Never carry your baby around while he or she is in the walker or Exersaucer.
- Always use the safety restraint systems
- Remove items off of furniture that could fall on your child if your child was to bump into that piece of furniture.
- Keep your baby away from stairs, fireplaces, ovens, radiators or other dangerous areas of the home.
- Block off dangerous areas of the home (fireplace, stairs, radiators, kitchen) with safety gates.
- Be sure to follow the manufacturers minimum and maximum age and weight limits and don't use a walker or Exersaucer if your baby is not within the limits.

BabySafe offers a massive range of Exersaucer toys. There is also a rental service available for hiring Exersaucer type toys. Please feel free to contact us or view the range of Exersaucer and walkers on-line.