

IMPORTANT INFORMATION regarding wooden egg shakers in Bookbug Toddler Bags

Wooden egg shakers have been included in recent Bookbug Toddler bags as musical instruments for parents and carers to use when singing and rhyming with their toddler. A very small number of incidents have been reported to us of egg shakers being broken (4 out of 45,000 distributed). The breakages happened when naturally occurring small knots in the wooden shell became loose.

The egg shakers were tested at manufacturing stage and passed British Safety Standard tests (EN 71-1:2014, EN 71-1:2014 - Safety of toys - Specification for Mechanical and physical properties). Following the 4 reported incidents, Scottish Book Trust had the eggs independently retested and again, the eggs passed these standards. However, due to variances in the natural wooden material, we are aware that a very small number of eggs will contain knots which could be problematic if they came loose whilst in the toddler's hands. Given this situation, we have decided with regret to take the following actions:

- Remove the egg shakers and the egg shaker information leaflets from future Bookbug Toddler bags. Any bags distributed to local authorities from December 2016 will not contain the egg shakers.
- Contact all NHS boards and other key stakeholders with our precautionary recommendation that the egg shakers and the egg shaker leaflets are removed before gifting bags to parents.

We would like to ask for your help in sharing this information within your locality.

Please remove these items from the **Bookbug Toddler Bag** before gifting the bags to families



- Parents who have already received the egg shaker can dispose of it
- If parents choose to continue to use the egg shaker, please reiterate that the egg shaker is a musical instrument not a toy and therefore should only be used with adult supervision, not left unattended with the child.

Scottish Book Trust prides itself on researching, sourcing and commissioning high quality items for our Bookbug bags. The safety of these items is of great importance to us, as is the confidence of health professionals and parents alike, and so we are taking these steps as a precautionary measure. Thank you for your help with this matter.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact us on the details below.

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