Toys are meant to entertain, educate, and inspire the imagination. As a father of two grown daughters, I had not been in the market for toys for some time until two wonderful granddaughters, Ella and Clara, arrived. Unfortunately, some toys can pose real dangers, especially to the smallest child in the family. While our toys are generally safer than before as a result of decades of advocacy in support of product safety and consumer protection, parents browsing for the perfect toy should remain vigilant about hidden hazards.

Fortunately, parents have an important source of information. The 24th annual TexPIRG *Trouble in Toyland* report offers safety guidelines for purchasing toys for small children and provides examples of toys currently on store shelves that pose potential safety hazards. To see a demonstration of some of the toys at the press conference, please click here.