

Safety warning

If you decide to buy and use an amber teething necklace for your child **PLEASE**;

- Never leave your child unsupervised whilst wearing it
- Never let your child put the necklace into their mouth—beads can break
- Never leave your child sleep with the necklace on—it's easy to forget they have one on
- Regularly check the stones and threaded cord for signs of breaking
- Talk to your Health Visitor or Nursery Nurse if you have concerns



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Amber Teething necklaces

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Baltic amber teething necklaces

Baltic amber teething necklaces are sold to be worn around an infant's neck, in contact with their skin to relieve the pain associated with teething.

Necklaces are made approximately 32cm in length to try and prevent the child being able to put them into their mouth when worn, because the amber beads can crack under pressure.

Most necklaces sold are knotted after each bead with sellers stating that if they break this will prevent the beads being a choking risk as only two beads could ever fall off. They also state beads are too small to be a risk as they are small enough to be swallowed. They don't discuss the risk of inhalation.

Safety Concerns

UK Trading Standards and the European Union RAPEX (rapid alert to prevent or restrict the use of harmful or dangerous products causing a health and safety risk.



Necklace fails safety tests

Trading Standards testing looked at a Baltic Amber necklace sold via the internet as an infant's teething necklace, 32cm in length with a silver plated magnetic clasp. The necklace failed the BS EN71 tension test, resulting in the bead shattering and becoming detached.

It also failed the General Product Safety Regulation test due to possible ingestion of the clasp. The product was deemed inherently unsafe for the intended market, children aged under 3 years.

Choking and inhaling risk

RAPEX have recently failed 10 necklaces because of ;
choking hazard - the necklace could easily break and the beads would fit into the small parts cylinder

Strangulation— risk if whilst being worn it caught on an immovable object



The small part regulation prevents deaths and injury to children under 3 from choking, inhaling or swallowing small objects via the mouth.

The test involves placing the object into a specially designed test cylinder that is about the size of the throat of a child under 3 years. If it fits into the cylinder it fails the test.

The tested necklaces were withdrawn from sale and the point made that many similar products remain on the market so consumers should take great care.

It is vitally important that the necklaces are removed when the child is sleeping or is unsupervised.

