

Important – Safety Issue with Henry Bears

Did you or your staff attend any of these HENRY courses within the last year?

Core Training

6&7/2/13, Honeycomb Childrens Centre, Basingstoke
12&13/2/13, Butterflies Childrens Centre, Rushmoor
6&7/3/13, The Haven Childrens Centre, Gosport
20&21/3/13, Sharps Copse Childrens Centre, Havant
22&23/1/14, The Phoenix Children's Centre New Milton

A Healthy Lifestyle In Childcare

9/3/13, Oakridge Hall for All, Basingstoke



If you are in possession of a Henry Bear toy, provided as part of the bag of training materials given to you at your HENRY training, please safely **dispose of your Henry Bear**.

Please do not allow a child to play with it, don't give it to charity or to anyone else.

These toys have been found to be unsuitable for children under 3 years old as the eyes are a potential choking hazard.

At HENRY we have always taken all appropriate precautions to ensure the products we provide to parents are safe and meet all legal requirements. We were assured by the supplier that these bears met all required standards and as such carried the CE certification mark. The supplier provided HENRY with apparently valid safety certificates confirming the bears' legal status.

However, HENRY became aware of an incident of one of the eyes from a Henry Bear toy becoming detached, causing a potential choking hazard for children. No child was harmed.

When we heard about the incident we acted straightaway out of concern for child wellbeing. We immediately withdrew the bears from unused HENRY Toolkits and notified Trading Standards who tested a sample of the bears for safety. Trading Standards found the bears provided to HENRY by the supplier did not meet British Standard safety requirements and has advised that all persons in possession of a Henry Bear should dispose of it safely.

If you are aware of anyone else in possession of a bear please advise them of the above.

Managers of staff who attended training have also been contacted directly by email with this safety warning.

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