

Leicestershire and Staffordshire Scientific Services

provides scientific testing, advice, guidance on legislation and expert witness representation in the following sectors:

- Food and drink
- Water
- Agricultural products
- Consumer products
- Environmental samples
- Microbiology



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Testing of Consumer Goods for Children



**A robust, reliable testing service for
public protection and problem prevention**

Leicestershire and Staffordshire Scientific Services carry out tests to verify the safety of consumer products that are aimed specifically at children.

We have four public analysts, two well equipped laboratories and more than 30 highly qualified, well trained staff.



We carry out tests to ensure that consumer goods, intended for children, are safe and whether any claims or descriptions are accurate. This is guided by British and European legislation. For example British Standard BSEN71 is concerned with the safety of toys, and requires impact and drop tests and checking for small parts. For children's clothing there are tight controls on the use of cords and drawstrings to protect children from strangulation. Items that children may suck or chew may be tested for the migration of metals and harmful organic compounds.



What tests are available?

Specific tests are available to test the safety, in accordance with British Standards, of:

- Toys
- Clothing
- Buoyancy aids
- Feeding bottles
- Dummies
- Drinking containers
- Cutlery and Feeding Utensils
- Fabric and clothing

as well as general testing of other items.



Also see our separate leaflet on general consumer products.



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