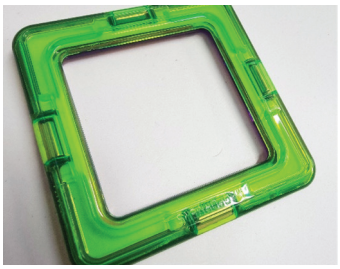
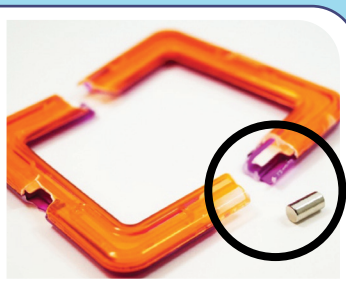
What makes toys safe?

When you're shopping for toys online, there are often lots of options at different prices. Why is it good to look for brand names you know and how can you spot a safe toy?

Here we compare a trusted brand name with an unsafe alternative to show what makes toys safe.		
	Safe Magformers toy	Magnetic toy copy
	Quality brand name	Copycat toy
The toy has been tested to UK standards. That means it's been pulled, twisted and dropped from a height to make sure it doesn't break	✓	✗
The maker is member of the British Toy and Hobby Association. Together they make sure their toys are safe.	✓	✗
You can buy it in trusted shops, not just online	✓	✗
There are instructions for safe use included	✓	✗
Care sheet explaining safe use	✓	✗
The magnets are secure in strong plastic so can't be taken out or swallowed	✓	✗
Made with cheaper plastic to save money	✗	✓
Plastic may weaken when exposed to sunlight	✗	✓
Plastic breaks under pressure, releasing dangerous magnets that children can swallow	✗	✓

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