

## **Guidelines for Toy Donations**

St Vincent's Private Hospital is excited to be the recipient of the toy donations over the Christmas Season.

We proudly care for some of our youngest members of the community.

To minimise the risk of cross infection, we have provided some instructions on the types of toys suitable for ongoing handling, cleaning storage and use in a hospital environment.

### **Toy Selection:**

The instructions below provide a guide to the types of toys St Vincent's Private Hospital are able to accept. Cleaning and repeated use should be taken into account when selecting your gift.

#### **Please donate:**

- New toys only
- Toys for children over 3 years of age.
- Ideally, toys made of plastic and of solid construction.

#### **We regret we're unable to accept:**

- Used or preowned toys. Unfortunately, due to the risk of infection, we're unable to accept toys that have already been played with.
- Toys with small parts which could be a choke hazard.
- Fabric and soft fluffy toys are unfortunately not suitable for hospital use.
- Wooden toys should be avoided as wood is porous and renders bacteria to become inaccessible to cleaning.
- Bath toys and toys that retain water.
- Books, as there are difficult to disinfect.

### **Can I make a monetary donation to the hospital?**

Yes, you can donate to St Vincent's Private Hospital Werribee by:

- Using the donation form provided
- Taping the donation machine
- By calling 03 9231 3365
- Online at <https://www.stvfoundation.org.au/private/svphe>