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What's our priority?
Safety, of course!

By Kathleen Stoehr

Shield it

Children's sunglasses are not fashion accessories, but necessities that protect the eyes from serious damage, even irreversible vision loss or blindness. The American Academy of Pediatrics says that children are at increased risk for permanent eye damage from sunlight until they are at least 10 years old, because their eyes are highly sensitive and still developing. The Real Kids Shades line of protective infant and children sunglasses provide 100% UVA and UVB ray protection and are made of impact-resistant, shatterproof polycarbonate frames and lenses.

realkidsshades.com; about \$15 and up



Cover it

Keep baby comfortable during bath time with the help of Moby the whale. Textured material keeps baby from slipping and sliding, while a bit of cushion offers comfort as baby plays. Suction cups keep the mat securely in place as your little one splishes and splashes.

skiphop.com; about \$15



Boost it

Designed specifically for children ages three and up who have outgrown the traditional high chair, the BabyBjörn Booster Chair is small and portable and helps a child sit at the correct table height. The seat is equipped with a two-stage safety lock to prevent a child from releasing the Booster when it is strapped to a chair. It also features a non-slip strap and mini pads and is equipped with a practical handle, making it ideal to take along when traveling or to restaurants.

babybjorn.com;
about \$80



Tat it

SafetyTats are temporary tattoos that read 'If Lost, Please Call' and list a parent or guardian's mobile phone number. Designed to be worn on a child's arm or hand, SafetyTats are easy to apply and are good for amusement parks or other crowded surroundings. Also available is a waterless 'Quick Stick' tattoo, allowing immediate, on-the-go safety. The inspiration behind SafetyTat was born of necessity when a mom quickly wrote her mobile phone number on her children's arms at an amusement park—in case they got lost.

safetytat.com;
about \$10



