

# Children's clothes checklist

**Nightwear (Safety) Regulations 1985 and The General Product Safety Regulations 2005** - Specific regulations apply to the sale of children's clothing in particular relation to choking/strangulation hazards and flammability requirements. The relevant standard covering children's clothing is **BS EN 14682**.

Product:

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- 1 Are nightwear and dressing gowns labelled 'KEEP AWAY FROM FIRE'. Yes  No

## Hood and neck area cords:

- 2 Do not sell young children's (up to 7 years old including children up to 134cm's tall) clothing if there is a running cord or drawstring around the hood or neck area of the garment. They may have:

- adjusting tabs no longer than 75mm;
- shoulder straps if they are a continuous length attached at the front of the garment;
- embellishments (eg. decorative cords) provided that any free ends are less than 75mm; and
- any fixed loops that have a circumference less than 75mm. Yes  No

- 3 Older children (7 to 14 years old, including boys 134 -182cm tall and girls 134 - 176cm tall) hood/neck cords must not have:
- drawstrings with free ends, and when the garment is laid flat the garment opening is at its:
    - **largest** - there must be no protruding loop; and
    - **smallest** - the circumference of the protruding loop must be less than 150mm.
  - any functional cords
    - or adjusting tabs more than 75mm long; and
    - made from elastic (Although shoulder straps and halter necks)
  - decorative cords longer than 75mm, or made from elastic; and
  - shoulder straps with free ends longer than 140mm from the point at which they are to be tied, or fixed loops of a circumference greater than 75mm.

Yes  No

## Waist area cords:

- 4 Drawstrings with free ends shall not protrude more than 140mm when garment flat or 280 mm when closed to intended waist size. If there are no free ends the loop should not protrude with circumference of more than 280mm when closed to the intended waist size. Yes  No
- 5 Functional cords or decorative cords shall not be more than 140mm. Yes  No
- 6 Belts and sashes intended to be tied at the back or front should be no longer than 360mm from the point where they are intended to be tied; and for young children not below the hem line. Yes  No

## Cords at lower hem below waist:

- 7 Drawstrings, functional cords or decorative cords on lower edges of the garment where the edge sits below the hips should not hang below garment. Yes  No
- 8 There shall be no protruding drawstrings, decorative cords or functional cords on the bottom hem of coats, trousers or skirts which are designed to finish at the ankle they should remain on the inside of the garment. Yes  No
- 10 Adjusting tabs are acceptable as long as they don't hang below the garment and are no longer than 140mm. Yes  No

## Other cords:

- 11 Drawstrings, functional cords and decorative cords on long sleeve garments should not protrude and remain on the inside of the garment. Yes  No
- 12 On short sleeved garments that finish above the elbow no drawstrings, functional cords or decorative cords shall protrude more than 140mm for older children; and 75mm for younger children when the garment is laid flat. Yes  No
- 13 No drawstring, functional cord or decorative cord shall protrude more than 140mm when garment is open at its largest. Yes  No

## General:

- 14 Check that all buttons and novelty features on clothing intended for children under 3 years old are secure. Yes  No

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