

CPSG Safety Alert

BB Guns Can Kill

BB guns can kill a person. High-velocity BB guns, which have muzzle velocities higher than 350 feet per second, can increase this risk. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has reports of about 4 deaths per year caused by BB guns or pellet rifles.

Many people do not realize that BB guns, especially high-velocity guns, can cause death.

Therefore the CPSC warns that children under 16 years of age should not use high-velocity BB or pellet guns. And, like firearms, these guns should never be aimed at another person.

An example of the type of warning found on high-velocity BB guns is:

WARNING

Not a toy

Adult Supervision required.

Misuse or careless use may cause serious injury or death.

May be dangerous up to 350 yards.

Recommended for use by those 16 years of age or older.