



POMBA

Parents of Multiple Births Association – Halifax Region

CHILDREN'S CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT SALE

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Seasonal Guidelines:

- All clothing, toys, and sports equipment must be seasonally appropriate.
- **Spring/Summer Sale:**
 - o Cooler items (linen, cotton), beach wear, Canada Day
 - o NO fall/winter clothing such as winter boots, hats, mittens, snowsuits, skates or other fall/winter related items.
- **Fall/Winter Sale:**
 - o Warm items (fleece, wool, flannel, corduroy, velvet), Christmas/Holiday outfits, snow attire, Halloween costumes.
 - o NO spring/summer clothing, large outdoor toys or other spring/summer items.
- **Exceptions:**
 - o Bathing suits and dress up clothing (i.e. princess dresses, pretend costumes) may be sold at both sales.

Item Acceptability:

- Clothing items must be clean, free of stains, odours, rips, holes, and excessive wear. Buttons and zippers must be in working order! Clothing failing to meet these standards will be pulled from the sale.
- Toys must include all parts and electronic toys must be in full functioning order with live **batteries**. If the item won't turn on, it will go to quality control and will be pulled from the sale.

Acceptable Sale Items		
Baby Bottles / Sippy Cups (BPAFree)	Costumes	Potties
Baby Carriers	Crib Bedding Sets	Pregnancy Related Items
Baby Monitors	Crib Sheets	Riding Toys
Bassinettes	Dance Wear	Safety Gates
Bed Rails	Diaper Bags	Sandboxes
Bicycles (Spring Sale Only)	Diaper Pails/Genies	Shopping Cart Covers
Blankets	Dress Up Clothes	Slides
Books (No Parenting Books)	Exersaucers	Strollers
Bouncy Castles	Games/Wooden puzzles	Stuffed Toys (TY and Disney ONLY)
Bouncy Seats	Highchairs	Swimwear
Manual Breast Pumps	Infant Bathtubs	Swings
Bumbo Seats MUST HAVE STRAPS	Jolly Jumpers	Toys
Cabinet Locks	Nursing/Breastfeeding Clothing (no maternity)	Tricycles
Car Seats MUST SIGN WAIVER	Mobiles	Tights
Changing Pad Covers	Nursing Pillows	Twin Bedding
Changing Pads	Pack-n-Plays/Playpens	Wagons (both sales)
Children's Clothing (Newborn to Youth 14)	Playmats	Yard Toys (spring only)
Cloth Diapers & Accessories	Plug Covers	

Items Not Accepted:

- POMBA follows the guidelines set out by Health Canada and the Consumer Product Safety Branch to determine what is eligible to include in the sale.
- We take Quality Control very seriously. If we cannot adequately manage the quality of a particular class of items we will not allow them.

The following items are not permitted:

Any item that has been recalled <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/media/advisories-avis/index-eng.php>

Toys, gear, or equipment with missing pieces, that are broken, or do not include working batteries.

Baby walkers (in Canada, it is illegal to sell or give them away)

Cribs

Helmets– bike, skating/hockey, or snow helmets

Items received for free or promotional items (e.g. formula company diaper bags, healthcare publications, etc.)

Paper jigsaw puzzles

Pharmaceuticals and formula

VHS tapes

DVDs & CDs (too many quality issues)

Non child related items – You cannot sell household items, adult craft items, picture frames, curtains, tools or any items not directly related to babies/children/pregnancy

Off season clothing (see complete list/description above)

Plastic feeding items (including plastic baby bottles) – containing "bisphenol A". Check to make sure your bottles do not have a #7 code on the bottom. If you see #7, they should not be sold. If they have no code at all, it's best to leave them out of the sale.

Strollers - Strollers made before 1985 do not meet current safety standards and cannot be sold. Strollers must have a lap belt and the brakes, wheels and locking mechanisms on folding models must all be in working order.

Stuffed toys (except TY and Disney) - These items do not sell well and take up a lot of space. Please sell only TY and Disney stuffed toys, and only if they are in mint condition.

Underwear– Due to sanitary issues, underwear is not permitted. Cloth diapers and training pants are permitted.

Wooden criss-cross baby gates - Baby gates that have large diamond-shaped or large "V" openings at the top are not allowed to be sold in Canada.

Electric Breast pumps

Maternity wear and parenting books

Recalls:

- POMBA insists that sellers take a few minutes to ensure that any items being sold (e.g. portable playpens, high chairs, car seats, swings, strollers) have not been recalled and meet current safety standards.
- Over the past few years, many major manufacturers have had a recall of some type. **While POMBA cannot guarantee that no recalled items are sold, we do ask our sellers to do their part to keep children safe.**
- We know that this can be time consuming, but we want to make sure we are selling items that are safe. You can find the product number on the equipment itself, usually at the back or underneath.

You can help to ensure that the second-hand products you sell are safe and legal by taking the following steps:

- Make sure the item meets current regulations, is not damaged, has not been subject to a recall, is not beyond the manufacturer's recommended age for use, and is legal for sale in Canada.
- Check that all of the parts are present, that the instructions for use and care are available and that it is not beyond the life span set by the manufacturer.
- Make sure warning labels are still attached and that none of the parts pose a hazard.
- Visit the Health Canada Website at <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/media/advisories-avis/index-eng.php> for complete details on recalls.

Quality Control:

POMBA's consignment sale reputation depends in large part on having high quality items. While we do our best to ensure quality and have a team of volunteers monitoring quality control, it is impossible to check the tens of thousands of items that are in the sale.

We must rely on sellers to ensure that their items match the standards set out in our rules and regulations. Items may be rejected for the following reasons: **stained, damaged, broken, poor quality tags, wrong season, not allowed, excessive wear, missing parts.** If you have items removed for quality control, you will be deducted the following fines:

For **stained/damaged/broken** items:

- 5-10 items: \$25.00
- 11-15 items: \$35.00
- 16-20 items: \$45.00
- 20+ items: \$60.00

For all other quality control items (**poor quality tags, wrong season, not allowed, excessive wear, missing parts:**)

- 12-24 items: \$25.00
- 24-50 items: \$40.00
- 50+ items: \$60.00

Please note that you can be charged for both categories independently. So for instance, if you have 5 items removed that are stained/broken, and 12 items removed for wrong season, you will be deducted \$50. These fines are in place to ensure we can provide the highest quality items to our sellers at each and every sale.

- If you are not able to meet our quality control guidelines, you will not be permitted to sell at future sales.
- If you see an item that is stained, dirty or otherwise not appropriate to sell, please take it to the quality control area in back. The quality control area will be set up during drop off and the sale. Volunteers will review the items and determine if they should be removed from the sale and a tally for each seller is kept.