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## Sleeping beauty doll removed from Mt Gambier show

Inspections by the consumer watchdog have found one dangerous item in a children's show bag at the 145th Mount Gambier A&H Community Bank Spring Show.

The Office of Consumer and Business Affairs (OCBA) inspected a total of 72 show bags and found the "Disney Princess Doll Show bag" to contain a choking hazard for small children. The show bag had a sleeping beauty soft toy with imitation jewellery that easily fell off.

The Commissioner for Consumer Affairs, Mark Bodycoat, said he was pleased with the outcome of the inspections but remained concerned that the inspections showed that some traders are not doing enough about ensuring safe items are in the show bags.

"I am pleased with the result of the inspection but I am concerned that some show bag traders are not taking seriously the responsibility for providing safe items. This particular doll was found in the Royal Adelaide Show inspections and was removed from those novelty bags."

"It is disappointing the distributor of this show bag did not see it necessary to remove the toy from regional show bags while being instructed to remove it by OCBA in Adelaide."

The soft-bodied toy is considered a dangerous toy for children under three years old as the attached imitation jewels can easily dislodge and become an ingestion or inhalation hazard.

The trader was fully cooperative and agreed to remove the offending imitation jewel immediately.

"While the dangerous toy has been removed from the show bag, I urge parents to look closely at any show bags for their children. Check the display boards, look closely at the recommended ages for products and toys, and remember that even though a product has passed safety tests you should still ensure that it is used properly."

A list of banned and dangerous goods can be found on the OCBA website ([www.ocba.sa.gov.au](http://www.ocba.sa.gov.au)). Consumers are encouraged to visit the website to check that particular products are safe, or telephone 8152 0732 if they have any concerns.