

TORTURE TOYS

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- WHEREAS, Item #10 in the California PTA Legislative Platform is “To prevent, control or eliminate hazards to the health and well-being of all children and youth;” and
- WHEREAS, The federal Child Protection and Toy Safety Act of 1969 regulates the physical dangers to children but does not acknowledge the psychological hazards of children’s toys; and
- WHEREAS, One of the purposes of the National PTA’s ongoing project is to promote children’s emotional health; and
- WHEREAS, There is concern that toys making such activities as torture and death commonplace or enjoyable objects of play may have an adverse effect on the mental health of children and youth; and
- WHEREAS, Many of these toys are now available for purchase; and
- WHEREAS, Legislation has been enacted in California which prohibits the sale of “torture toys” after July 1, 1972; therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** That the California PTA and the National PTA encourage further legislation and/or regulations which would ban the sale of toys or games designed to glorify sadistic activities, depict torture, or simulate an instrument specifically designed for torture; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That the California PTA and the National PTA urge further action to establish standards for toys and/or games which would take into consideration the emotional impact on children, with the recommendation that such standards be incorporated in the Child Protection and Toy Safety Act.