



# Department of Government Services

Consumer Affairs Victoria

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## **PUBLIC WARNING**



I, Nicole Rich, Director of Consumer Affairs Victoria, issue this Public Warning under section 228 of the *Australian Consumer Law and Fair Trading Act 2012* in respect of Panda Mart Trading Pty Ltd (ACN 678 461 222) trading as Panda Mart.

Panda Mart is a variety discount retailer, which has opened at 1290 Thompsons Road, Cranbourne VIC 3977.

Thousands of goods seized by Consumer Affairs Victoria last night and today do not comply with mandatory information or safety standards for products. Such goods include bike helmets, archery sets, luggage straps, toy guns, children's make up sets, birthday cards, glitter balls, calculators and flashing toys supplied by Panda Mart.

Numerous products supplied by Panda Mart also contain button batteries, including baby rattles. These products do not include the required warning information about the dangers of button batteries. There is a risk of choking or serious injury if children gain access to button batteries and swallow or place them inside their bodies.

I have decided to issue this Public Warning to minimise further risk to consumers and because I am satisfied that it is in the public interest to do so.

Given the significant risks posed by button batteries and non-compliance with safety standards, I urge consumers to be cautious about purchasing goods from Panda Mart.

Consumers who have already purchased items listed above can return those items to Panda Mart for a full refund.

If you have any concerns in relation to Panda Mart, you are encouraged to contact Consumer Affairs Victoria at [www.consumer.vic.gov.au](http://www.consumer.vic.gov.au) or on 1300 55 81 81.

Parents or carers who suspect their child has swallowed or inserted a button battery should urgently call the Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26 for expert advice. If a child is struggling to breathe, call 000 immediately.

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