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# SAFETY ALERT

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PLASTIC BB GUNS

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There have been several recent incidents where students have brought "Plastic BB Guns" to school which resulted in injury to students. These "toy guns" are frequently purchased at local markets and from ice cream trucks. The "toy guns" are available in many colors and most resemble a "real" gun in the dark color (see picture below). The gun includes a removable clip that houses plastic pellets, and may be mistaken for a "real" gun by law enforcement, security guards and other individuals.



The District maintains a "Zero Tolerance Policy" for any type of weapon, including toy guns, replicas or other imitations. If "toy guns" are discovered on campus, Site Administrators are to confiscate and initiate appropriate action. Site Administrators should make every effort to discourage students from bringing "toy guns" to school by informing students and parents on the dangers of possessing an imitation weapon and the consequences of bringing such a toy to school.

Site Administrators may distribute the attached letter to inform parents of this issue. The letter may be downloaded from <http://www.lausd-oehs.org>.

If you have any questions, please call the Office of Environmental Health and Safety at (213) 241-3199 or your Local District Operations Coordinator.

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