Dangerous Magnets in Childcare Products and Toys

Many childcare products and toys contain magnets for ease of use or even entertainment purposes. However, when tiny, powerful magnets are improperly secured to <u>childcare products and toys</u>, they can pose a serious health risk to children young enough to accidentally swallow these broken-off pieces. Children can choke or suffer internal injuries because of these product defects, but product designers or manufacturers can be held accountable for the injuries their flawed items cause. The attorneys of <u>Stepleton Dugan</u>, LLC, can help Cincinnati parents explore their legal options following a child injury.

How Magnets Can Harm Children

Beyond the choking hazards that may arise if a magnet is small enough for a child to swallow yet large enough to lodge in his or her windpipe, tiny yet powerful rare earth magnets can put children at risk for severe internal injuries if the magnets connect inside a child's digestive system. The following injuries may be due to the magnets attracting to each other inside the child's body:

- Intestinal blockages
- Intestinal perforation, leading to internal bleeding
- Circulatory shock
- Sepsis

These injuries are often severe and may put an immense emotional and financial burden on the entire family as a result. However, the product manufacturer responsible for the defective item may be held liable for consequences associated with the injury.

Contact a Product Liability Attorney in Cincinnati

If your child has been injured by a loose magnet in a defective childcare product or toy, you may be entitled to pursue legal action against the manufacturer at fault. For a free consultation regarding your product liability claim, contact a lawyer from Stepleton Dugan, LLC, today at 513-321-7733.