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Here are some points to note on safety of children before you buy your child's clothing :

* Ensure that small items attached to clothing are not easily detached or removed *

Small items such as buttons, zipper pull, snaps or any decorative sequines should not be easily detach from your child clothing as this poses a choking hazard to young children.

* Avoid hazardous items such as drawstrings *

Children's jackets and sweatshirts with drawstrings around the hood or neck of children's outerwear presents a strangulation hazard. Children can get entangled and strangle in the drawstrings that catch on objects, including playground equipment, fences and tree branches.

* Avoid Flammable Loose-Fitting Garments *

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) warns people not to put children to sleep in loose-fitting T-shirts or other over-size clothes made from cotton or cotton blends. These garments can catch fire easily and are associated with 200 to 300 emergency room-treated burn injuries to children annually. Loose-fitting clothing stands away from the body, making contact with an ignition source more likely. Loose-fitting, non-flame-resistant child clothing allows an air space next to the body that helps keep the fire burning, possibly injuring children.

It is safer to put your children in flame-resistant or snug-fitting sleepwear. Flame-resistant garments do not continue burning when removed from a small open flame. Snug-fitting garments need not be flame-resistant because they are made to fit closely against a child's body. Their stretchy fabrics make them comfortable. Snug-fitting sleepwear does not ignite easily and, even if ignited, does not burn as rapidly because there is little air under the garment to feed a fire.

* Check for sharp objects in your child clothing *

A decorative items such as pin may get detach causing a puncture wound on your child body.

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Where To Get Inexpensive Women's Clothing

By Gabriel Adams

If you've ever gone out to purchase many items of clothing or even a whole wardrobe at once, you've probably seen how expensive women's clothing can be. Ladies' clothing is a booming industry, with millions of dollars each year being spent on designer labels, and even more being spent on casual clothing. Not everyone can afford to purchase a lot of clothing at once, however, so if you change sizes quickly or need to buy a different type of wardrobe (career versus casual, for example) you may be facing a large bill.

One way to cut down on your women's clothing bill is to have a clothing swap. Get together a group of your friends (preferably a group who wear similar sizes) and have everyone bring some gently used, in good condition, clothing. Separate the clothing by type (pants, shirts, etc) and size and let everyone choose among the clothing items. In this way, you can get a few new outfits (well, at least new to you!) without having to spend any additional money.

Another way to find inexpensive women's clothing is to shop on line retailers. Many Internet stores are able to offer ladies' clothing at reduced rates, because they can save on the costs of running a physical store. They also tend to offer many different styles by different clothing makers, so that comparison shopping can be easier than in a mall or store. If you don't mind wearing items that may be previously worn, sites such as Ebay offer even bigger bargains, with regular women posting unwanted items (sometimes even designer) at low prices.

Women's clothing is not only about fashion or brand names - it's also about practicality and frugality. If you're facing buying many articles of clothing in the near future, using tips such as a clothing trade or hunting for bargains on the Internet can be a great way to save money.

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