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MEDIA ADVISORY: TOMORROW IN HARRISBURG – Shapiro Administration to Highlight Stuffed Toy Safety Inspections and Donate More Than 1,000 Toys to Families for Holiday Season

Harrisburg, PA – Tomorrow, the **Pennsylvania departments of Labor & Industry** (L&I) and **Human Services**(PA DHS) will kick off the 2026 holiday season with the annual donation of more than 1,000 stuffed toys collected through L&I's routine safety inspections. This year, L&I approved **1,052 stuffed toys** for sale in Pennsylvania, including 100 made with recycled materials.

The approved samples of each toyinspected are no longer needed andwill be donated to PA DHS' Holiday Wish program so they can bedistributed to Pennsylvania families in need during the holiday season.

Each year, L&I tests toys for flammability, materials, and design safety. Manufacturers who want to sell or give away stuffed toys in Pennsylvania must register with the Department.

WHO:
L&I Secretary Nancy A. Walker
PA DHS Executive Deputy Secretary Andrew Barnes

WHEN: TOMORROW, Monday, November 9, 2026, at 10:00 AM

WHERE:
Department of Labor & Industry Lobby
651 Boas Street, Harrisburg, PA 17121

RSVP: Media interested in attending should RSVP to dlipress@pa.gov with the names and phone numbers for each member of their team.