








## Donations Checks

Thank you so much for considering us for your donation, please note we only have capacity to accept the items below.

1. Please check your donations to ensure they meet our criteria.
2. Sometimes we are at capacity and cannot accept certain donations - Volunteers will notify you.
3. Volunteers have been asked to return any donations that do not meet the criteria below.  
This is the policy of Fostering Hope (not the volunteer) we hope you understand and **treat the volunteer respectfully.**

	Acceptable	Not Acceptable
 <p><b>Clothing</b> If possible, in bags sorted by size</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Freshly laundered</li> <li>✓ Very good to new condition</li> <li>✓ Shoes: in excellent condition only. Please sanitise before donating</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Rips stains or pilling</li> <li>✗ Well used/worn-out condition</li> <li>✗ Shoes with scuffs</li> </ul>
  <p><b>Toys &amp; Books</b> Toys washed/sanitised</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Toys: in complete, good, clean, working order</li> <li>✓ Books: from time to time we cannot take any more books – please ask</li> <li>✓ Puzzles: complete and in their box</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Soft Toys</li> <li>✗ Garden Toys: faded, brittle/broken</li> <li>✗ Missing parts</li> </ul>
  <p><b>Nursery equipment</b> Please clean and sanitise the items before donating.</p>	<p>We often run out of room to store these items – please check our Facebook page or call in advance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Cots: meet Australian Safety Standards, complete <u>with ALL bolts</u></li> <li>✓ Prams: in clean, perfect working order</li> <li>✓ Rocker/Bouncers</li> <li>✓ High Chairs</li> <li>✓ Baby Gates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Items with missing parts</li> <li>✗ Prams with flat tyres</li> <li>✗ Bite Marks</li> <li>✗ Bouncers: older than 5 years, crocheted</li> <li>✗ Beds (can be offered on the Fostering Hope Facebook page)</li> <li>✗ Mattresses with stains</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Car seats</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Car Seats &amp; full Booster seats in excellent, clean condition</li> <li>✓ manufacture date no older than 2018</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Backless boosters</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Household items/decorations</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Small decorative children's items, in excellent condition - suited to a child's bedroom</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ General household items (kitchen equipment, general furniture)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Larger children's items</b> We unfortunately don't have the room to take larger items at the store. Please feel free to offer the items to carers on our Facebook page</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ None</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Beds</li> <li>✗ Drawers</li> <li>✗ Couches</li> </ul>

At Fostering Hope, we strive to do our best to give our children a sense of pride and belonging. We never want them to feel less than any other child. Therefore, for the safety and esteem of our children, **we only accept donated items within the guidelines.**

Please do not use us as a dumping ground for items outside our guidelines. This is for the safety of our volunteers and that it costs us in time, money and resources that could have been used for the benefit of our children.