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Dear Parents and Carers,

TikTok Challenges

We have been made aware today of a TikTok challenge that is spreading online regarding microwaving squishy silicone toys to make the toys softer and easier to use. When the toy is squeezed afterwards, it bursts and sprays boiling material, which reportedly has left children's hands and faces seriously burned. The silicone casing insulates heat, yet the outside stays cool to the touch, all while the inside reaches boiling temperatures.

The toys are widely available in UK shops, and online stores including Amazon and TikTok Shop and are immensely popular for both children and young people. Often, the packaging for these toys provides a warning not to heat, freeze or microwave; however, the online videos they watch encourage them to do the opposite. The child may no longer have the original packaging to even see the warning.

More information can be found here: https://ineqe.com/2026/05/07/safeguarding-alert-viral-trend-causing-burns/.

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