



THE SAFETY BOX

A newsletter dedicated to keeping our children safe

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This newsletter is printed quarterly in accordance with the Louisiana Children's Product Act, La. R.S. 46:2701-2711. For more information on recalled children's products, consumers may visit our website at www.ag.state.la.us, click on "News and Publications," or call our toll-free **CONSUMER INFO LINE** at (800) 351-4889. Information about child product recalls and toy hazard recalls included in this newsletter was received from the **Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)**. Consumers may visit their website at www.cpsc.gov for product recall information and product safety information. The recall information included in this newsletter is for July 2008 through September 2008.

TOY PRODUCT RECALLS

PRODUCT/FIRM: "Sky Scrambler" and "The Sharper Image" Wireless Indoor Helicopters by Innovage LLC.

BRAND/MODEL: The "Sky Scrambler" and "The Sharper Image" toy helicopters have yellow, red or blue decals. BH26047 is printed on the Sky Scrambler's tail. "The Sharper Image" is printed on the tail. This product was sold at mass merchandisers, department stores, drug stores



and other retail stores nationwide from June 2007 through May 2008 for about \$20.

PROBLEM: The rechargeable lithium ion battery inside the helicopter can overheat, catch fire, and ignite nearby combustibles, posing a burn and a fire hazard to consumers.

REMEDY: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled helicopters and contact Innovage at (866) 672-2630 or visit www.innovage.net for a full refund.

PRODUCT/FIRM: Bright Starts Ring Rattles by Kids II Inc.

BRAND/MODEL: The soft toy rattle is a bee with a yellow head, ring-shaped green body, blue/green wings and purple/red antennas. Model number 8534 and date code PA8 are printed on a sewn-in label on the bee's head. This product was sold at toy stores, mass merchandisers and other retail stores nationwide from January 2008 through June 2008 for about \$2 to \$3.



PROBLEM: The tip of the rattle's antenna, which is attached to the bee figure, can detach and pose a choking hazard to small children.

REMEDY: Consumers should immediately take the recalled rattles away from small children and contact Kids II at (877) 325-7056 or visit www.kidsii.com to receive a free replacement rattle.

PRODUCT/FIRM: Classic Horseshoe Magnets by Dowling Magnets

BRAND/MODEL: This recall involves the Classic Horseshoe Magnets. The 6-inch tall horseshoe magnet has a red plastic coating on the "handle" end. Each "foot" of the magnets has an engraved "S" or a "N." This product was sold at specialty retail stores and educational supply distributors nationwide from March 2003 through April 2008 for about \$10.



PROBLEM: The plastic coating on the magnets contains excessive levels of lead, which violates the federal lead paint

standard.

REMEDY: Consumers should immediately take the classic horseshoe magnets away from children and contact Dowling Magnets at (866) 623-3336 or visit www.dowlingmagnets.com to receive a free replacement horseshoe magnet.

PRODUCT/FIRM: U-shaped Magnets, Bar Magnets, Magnet Sets and Magnet Needle Sets by Pacific Science Supplies Inc.

BRAND/MODEL: Magnets involved in this recall are "Large" and "Small" U-shaped Magnets in the shape of a "U" or a horseshoe. One half of each magnet is painted red and is imprinted with the letter "N"; the other half is painted blue, and is imprinted with the letter "S." "Large" and "Miniature" Bar Magnets are in the shape of a bar.



The magnets are painted half red and half white. The red half is imprinted with the letter "N" and the white half is imprinted with the letter "S." The Magnets sets contain a small u-shaped magnet, two small bar magnets and two small compasses. All magnets are painted half red and half white. The red

half is imprinted with the letter "N" and the white half is imprinted with the letter "S." The package is labeled "Magnets & Compasses." The Magnet Needle Sets contain 10 sets of small cone-shaped bases and elongated diamond-shaped magnets which can be fastened into the bases. The magnets are painted half red and half white. These products were sold through distributors nationwide that sell to educational institutions. A small number were sold through educational stores nationwide from April 2000 through February 2008 for about \$9.

PROBLEM: The paint on the magnets can contain excessive levels of lead, violating the federal lead paint standard.

REMEDY: Consumers should immediately stop using these recalled magnets and contact Pacific Science Supplies Inc. at (800) 530-1500 or visit www.pacsciusa.com to receive a free replacement.

PRODUCT/FIRM: Stuffed Toy Dogs by Daiso LLC

BRAND/MODEL: The recalled toys are crème colored stuffed dogs with black eyes and nose. Some of the toys have brown spots on the back. A tag attached to the toy is written in Japanese language with UPC codes 4947678264166 and 4947678246063. This product was sold at Daiso retail stores in California and Washington State from October



2007 through December 2007 for about \$3.

PROBLEM: The stuffed toys contain small parts, posing a choking hazard to young children.

REMEDY: Consumers should immediately stop using the toys and return them to any Daiso retail store for a full refund. For additional information, contact Daiso at (866) 768-4620 or visit www.daisollc.com.

PRODUCT/FIRM: Wooden Toys by Earthentree

BRAND/MODEL: This recall involves a variety of wooden toys including egg shakers (maracas), pull toys, rattles, and trains. The toys are painted glossy red, orange, green, brown, yellow and natural wood. These products were sold at Earthentree's Web site, fairs, trade shows and retail stores nationwide from December 2007 through



May 2008 for about \$7 to \$34.

PROBLEM: The recalled toys contain small parts or can break into small parts, posing a choking hazard. The recalled rattles violate the federal rattle standard. Some of the toys also have a string longer than 12 inches, which can pose a strangulation hazard to young children.

REMEDY: Consumers should immediately take the recalled toys away from children and contact Earthentree at (800) 963-1593 or visit www.earthentree.com/recall.asp for a refund or exchange.

PRODUCT/FIRM: Learning Pots & Pans™ Toys by Fisher-Price

BRAND/MODEL: This recall involves Learning Pots and Pans™ toy sets with stackable pots and pans, a lid and shaped-sorting blocks. The toys have a light and sound feature that operate on three AA batteries. Model number G6685 is located on the bottom of the blue pan. This product was sold at discount department and toy stores nationwide from October 2007 to August 2008 for about \$20.



PROBLEM: Missing screws in the blue toy pan can cause the clear plastic cover to come loose and release small balls, presenting a choking hazard to young children.

REMEDY: Consumers should immediately take these recalled toys away from children and examine the bottom of the blue pan. The pan should contain six screws. If all screws are installed, no further action is necessary. If any screws are missing, contact Fisher-Price at (888) 521-0820 or visit www.service.mattel.com to arrange for the return of the blue pan for a replacement.

PRODUCT/FIRM: Batteries used in Radio-Controlled Helicopter Kits by Hobbico Inc.

BRAND/MODEL: This recall involves the Electrify lithium-polymer batteries (part #GPMP0401) sold individually or with the Heli-Max Axe Cp-L radio-controlled helicopter, a battery, a radio transmitter, a balance charger, a car adapter, AC wall adapter, decals that read "HMx", "AXE" and "Heli-Max" and training gear. "Electrify" and "GPMP0401" are printed on the battery. This product was sold at



Hobby Stores nationwide and online from November 2007 through March 2008 for about \$35. The helicopter kits were sold for \$200.

PROBLEM: The rechargeable battery can overheat and catch fire while charging, igniting nearby combustible materials. This poses a fire hazard to consumers.

REMEDY: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled batteries and contact Hobbico at (866) 462-2426 or visit www.electrify.com for instructions on returning their battery for a free replacement battery.

PRODUCT/FIRM: "Protocol" Remote-Controlled Mini Helicopter Toys by Ashley Collection Inc.

BRAND/MODEL: This recall involves the "Protocol" remote-controlled mini helicopter toys with model numbers starting with 1442. The helicopter is made of foam and plastic and measures about 7 inches long. "Protocol" is printed on the tail and on the side of the helicopter. "1442-X" can be found on the packaging. The remote-control



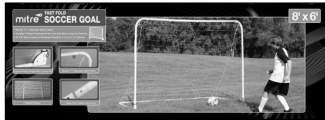
component measures 5 ½ inches by 4 ¾ inches. This product was sold at retail stores nationwide from October 2007 through December 2007 for between \$30 and \$50.

PROBLEM: The rechargeable battery inside the helicopter can overheat. This can result in the helicopter's body melting, as well as a risk of fire or burns to consumers.

REMEDY: Consumers should immediately take the recalled toys away from children and contact Protocol at (800) 261-1193 or visit www.protocoldesign.com for information on how to receive a replacement helicopter.

PRODUCT/FIRM: MacGregor Folding Soccer Goals Mitre Folding Soccer Goals by Regent Sports Corp.

BRAND/MODEL: Both soccer goals have a foldable white frame with a white net that is attached by Velcro strips. When upright, the MacGregor goal measures 6 feet wide by 3 feet high, and the Mitre net measures 8 feet wide by 6



feet high. Each has a recalled net with squares measuring 5 inches on each side. The MacGregor soccer goal has model number 97236 printed on the assembly instructions and UPC code number 029807972365 printed on the net's packaging. The Mitre soccer goal has model number 89186 printed on the assembly instructions and UPC code number 029807891864 printed on the net's packaging. Nets manufactured after April 2007 with 4 inch by 4 inch square openings are not included in the recall. This product was sold at Wal-Mart, Ace hardware and sports and toy stores nationwide from May 2002 through May 2008 for \$26.

PROBLEM: The fixed knot flexible openings in the soccer goal net can pose a head and neck entrapment or strangulation hazard to young children.

REMEDY: Consumers should stop using the recalled soccer goal nets immediately and return them to Regent Sports to receive a free replacement net. For additional information, contact Regent Sports at (877) 516-9707.

PRODUCT/FIRM: Wood Abacus by LTD Commodities LLC and ABC Distributing

BRAND/MODEL: The recalled wood abacus is a multi-sided activity center that has a chalkboard, movable block letters with pictures, sliding shapes, a fun maze with gears and a blue and yellow clock on the side of the activity center with two pink moving hands. Product code E7A is printed on the packaging near the UPC bar code. This product was sold by LTD Commodities and



ABC Distributing catalogs nationwide and Web site from December 2006 through February 2008 for about \$12.

PROBLEM: The wooden rods on the abacus can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

REMEDY: Consumers should take the abacus away from children immediately and contact LTD Commodities at (866) 736-3654 or visit www.ltdcommodities.com or

www.abcdistributing.com for instructions on receiving a product credit.

PRODUCT/FIRM: Harry Potter Bookend by Giftco Inc.

BRAND/MODEL: This recall involves poly-stone bookends painted and shaped in the characters of the Harry Potter book series. Bookend characters include Harry Potter, Hedwig and Hermione, and Crookshank. This product was sold at elementary school fundraising programs, discount and dollar stores nationwide from June 2004 through January 2006 for



between \$3 and \$28.

PROBLEM: The paint on the bookend contains excessive levels of lead, violating the federal lead paint standard.

REMEDY: Consumers should immediately take the recalled bookends away from children and return them to Giftco for a refund. For additional information, contact (888) 448-6728 or visit <http://mail.giftcoinc.com>.

PRODUCT/FIRM: Razor® PoweringWing™ Three-Wheeled Scooter by Razor USA LLC

BRAND/MODEL: The PowerWing is a three-wheeled scooter, which was sold in either black or silver. The recall includes products with serial number beginning with Y708, Y 709, Y 710, Y711, Y712, Y801, Y802, Y803, Y804, Y805, Y806, Y807, and Y808. The serial number is located on the bottom of the



scooter near the front wheel. Products with an oval sticker next to the serial number with a "V" followed by a letter (example VE, VF, VG etc.) are not included in the recall. The product was sold by authorized retailers nationwide and online from October 2007 through September 2008 for about \$100.

PROBLEM: The undersides of the foot platforms can have sharp edges, posing a laceration hazard to children.

REMEDY: Parents should immediately stop children from using the product. Do not return the product to the retailer. Contact Razor at (800) 314-9870 or visit www.razor.com/recall for a set of free replacement foot platforms.

PRODUCT/FIRM: Toy Police Cars by TCB Imports

BRAND/MODEL: This recall involves toy police cars with a friction. When the toy car is pushed forward, the car builds momentum. When released, the car moves forward on its own. The cars were sold in red/white and purple/white color combinations. The cars measure 8 inches by 4 inches by 4 ½ inches. Item number TF820 is printed on



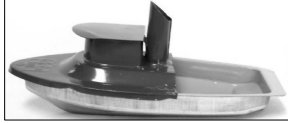
the product's packing. This product was sold at Dollar and discount stores nationwide from May 2008 through August 2008 for about \$1.

PROBLEM: The red paint on the toy cars contains excess levels of lead, violating the federal lead paint standard.

REMEDY: Consumers should immediately take this toy away from children and return it to the store where purchased for a refund. For additional information, contact TCB Imports, Inc. at (888) 674-5497 or visit www.tcbimports.com.

PRODUCT/FIRM: Toy Boats by Buzz's Boatyard

BRAND/MODEL: This recall involves two toy models of tin Pop Pop toy boats. Models included in the recall are



the 13 inch "Titanic" and the "Hut" Pop Pop boats. This product was sold at Buzz's Boatyard's Web site (www.buzzboats.com) from

April 2007 to November 2007 for between \$3 and \$12.

PROBLEM: The paint on the recalled toy boats contains excess levels of lead, violating the federal lead paint standard.

REMEDY: Consumers should immediately take the recalled toys away from children and contact Buzz's Boatyard at (877) 207-1923 or www.buzzboats.com/poppop.htm for a refund or an exchange.

PRODUCT/FIRM: Redcat Racing FM Remote Controlled Vehicles by Redcat Racing Co.



BRAND/MODEL: These cars were sold in a variety of colors. The model name and numbers are located on the body of the

vehicle or on the retail packaging. The Following models are included in this recall: HurricaneXP (1/8 Road Buggy) Green/Flame HURRICANE XP-GF, Orange/Black HURRICANEXP-OB, Orange/Flame HURRICANEXP-OF, Yellow/Flame HURRICANEXP-YF; Hurricane XP Pro (1/8 Road Buggy) Green/Flame-Blue Aluminum HURRICANPRO-GF, Silver-Blue Aluminum HURRICANPRO-SB, Yellow/Flame Blue Aluminum HURRICANPRO-YF; Avalanche XP (1/8 Off Road Truck) Blue/Yellow AVALANCHEXP-94087-EY, Red Green AVALANCHEXP-94087-PG, Red AVALANCHEXP-94087-R; Monsoon XP (1/8 Off Road Truggy) Blue/Yellow MONSOONXP-94085-BY, Red/White/Blue MONSOONXP-94085-RWB, Red/Yellow MONSOONXP-94085-RY; Tsunami Ultrawide (1/10 Truggy) Blue/Flame TSUNAMIUW-BF-94110W, Red/Flame TSUNAMIUW-RF-94110W. These products were sold by authorized dealers nationwide from March 2007 through April 2008 for between \$260 and \$400.

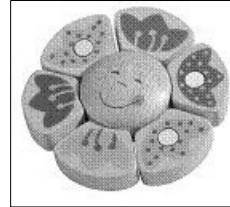
PROBLEM: The remote control unit can lose its signal, causing the toy vehicle to lose control, posing a risk of injury to the user or bystander.

REMEDY: Consumers should immediately stop using the product and contact Redcat Racing of (602) 454-

6445 or visit www.redcatracing.com for information on receiving a replacement car.

PRODUCT/FIRM: Wooden Puzzles, Infant Rattles, Pacifier Holders, and Stroller Toys by Habermaass Corp. Inc.

BRAND/MODEL: The following toys are included in this recall: Triolino Puzzle (lady bug puzzle is 7 inches x 1/2 inch thick); LUCY Clutching Toy rattle (hearts have mirrors and prisms. The rattle is about 4 inches in diameter); Little Heart Clutching Toy Rattle (Heart has mirror and is about 3 1/2 inches in diameter); Pixie's World (2.5" rattle with mushroom, flower, person and house with mirror); Belinda Clutching Toy Rattle



(Flower clutching toy has face in the middle. The rattle is about 4 inches in diameter); Miro Clutching Toy Rattle (center contains blue plastic ball with 10 holes. The rattle is about 3 1/2 inches in diameter.); Bunny Pacifier Holder (Pacifier holder is 8.6 inches long with fabric bunny on the end and wooden star with mirror in the middle.); Bonita Rattle (2.5" bouquet of four shapes on wooden ring.); Bella Rattle (3" diameter with four wooden hearts with no mirrors); Pirate Joe Rattle (4" pirate theme with bell and mirror.); Rally Rattle (4" triangle shape with three cars.); Flori rattle (Six petal shapes on elastic band with three mirrors & three bells.) Triola Rattle (4" triangle with two flowers and round corner.) Tri Rattle (4" triangle shape with squeaker, bell and mirror.) Speedy Rattle (Wooden car about 4.5" Lx 3" H with squeaker in back and mirror on car hood.); Little Hearts Stroller Toy (18" prism-chain with ten various size wooden hearts.); Discovery Balls (set contains 1 orange, 1 red, 1 blue and on bicolor blue/yellow ball. Red ball contains three small mirrors.); Discovery Ball with Rattle (Blue/Yellow round wooden ball with small mirror.) These products were sold at specialty toy stores nationwide and at specialty online retailers from January 2002 through August 2008 for between \$10 and \$35.

PROBLEM: The wooden rattles, pacifier holders and stroller toys contain small pieces including glued on mirrors and/or prisms that can detach, posing a choking hazard to infants. The head of the ladybug puzzle pieces also poses a choking hazard to infants. The head of the ladybug puzzle pieces also poses a choking hazard.

REMEDY: Consumers should immediately take the recalled puzzles, rattles, pacifier holders and stroller toys away from children and contact Habermaass at (800) 468-6873 or visit www.HABusa.com/safety to receive a free replacement product or a full refund.

CHILD PRODUCT RECALLS

PRODUCT/FIRM: LaJolla Boat Bed and Pirates of the Caribbean Twin Trundle Beds by Bayside Furnishings (a division of Whalen™)

BRAND/MODEL: This recall involves two styles of Bayside youth beds: the LaJolla Boat Bed and the Pirates of the Caribbean Twin Trundle Bed. The preassembled toy chests are designed in the shape of a ship or boat's "bow" and attached to the beds as a footboard. The



LaJolla Boat Bed toy chest has a hardwood top and white wood base with blue stripe. The Pirates Boat Bed toy chest has a hardwood top, wheel shape and brown wood base with decorative carvings. These products were sold at Costco and furniture retail stores nationwide and Costco.com from January 2006 through May 2008 for between \$700 and \$1,400.

PROBLEM: The lid supports on the toy chests fail to prevent the lid from closing too quickly, posing an entrapment and strangulation hazard to young children.

REMEDY: Consumers should immediately stop children from using the recalled toy chest and contact Bayside at (877) 494-2536 or visit www.baysidefurnishings.com for instructions on receiving a free repair kit with replacement lid supports.

PRODUCT/FIRM: Hooded Sweatshirts by Raw Blue Sportswear

BRAND/MODEL: The Raw Blue hooded sweatshirts were sold in three styles: smack print, kapow print and comic magazine print and various colors. The sweatshirts have style numbers 7FT5655, 7FT5455, and 7FT5515. Style numbers are printed on the garment's sales tag. These products were sold at TJ Maxx, Mega Trends, Moonstone Shirts and MP Trading stores



nationwide from July 2007 through December 2007 for between \$30 and \$40.

PROBLEM: The sweatshirts have a drawstring through the hood which poses a strangulation hazard to young children.

REMEDY: Consumers should immediately remove the drawstrings from the sweatshirts to eliminate the hazard. Consumers can return the garment to the place of purchase or Raw Blue Sportswear for a refund. For additional information, contact Raw Blue Sportswear at (800) 638-1537.

PRODUCT/FIRM: Sun Smarties™ Children's Board Skirts by Chelsea & Scott Ltd.

BRAND/MODEL: The Sun Smarties™ board skirts are peach microfiber with an embroidered flower accent and back pocket. Item number 13926 HIBI is printed on the

care label inside the back of the waistband. The skirts were sold in girls sizes 12 months to 4T. The skirts have six grommets, four on the front of the waistband and two on the back pocket. This product was sold exclusively at www.onestepahead.com



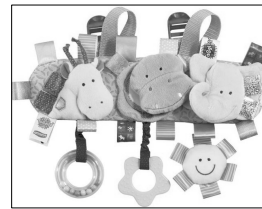
from May 1, 2008 through May 9, 2008 for about \$15.

PROBLEM: The paint on the grommets of the skirts contains an excess level of lead, violating the federal lead paint standard.

REMEDY: Consumers should immediately take these skirts away from young children and return them to Chelsea & Scott Ltd to receive a free replacement skirt or refund. Consumers will be sent a postage paid envelope from Chelsea & Scott Ltd. For additional information, contact Chelsea & Scott Ltd at (866) 271-4536 or www.onestepahead.com.

PRODUCT/FIRM: Taggies™ Strollin' Along Stroller Activity Bars by International Playthings Inc.

BRAND/MODEL: This recall involves the Taggies™ Strollin' Along stroller activity bars. The multicolored fabric, and plastic activity bars feature a yellow giraffe, a purple hippo and blue elephant attached to a 12" long elliptical base with straps that attach to a stroller. The Taggies™ and Earlyears® logos are located on woven and satin labels sewn



into the seam on the lower left front of the activity bar. This product was sold at specialty toy stores nationwide and on the Internet from February 2007 through July 2008 for about \$23.

PROBLEM: The shiny material on the elephant's ear on the activity bar can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

REMEDY: Consumers should immediately stop using the activity bars and contact International Playthings at (800) 445-8347 or visit www.intplay.com for a free replacement toy.

PRODUCT/FIRM: Phil & Teds e3 Single Buggy, e3 Twin Buggy and sport v1 Single Buggy Strollers by Regal Lager Inc.

BRAND/MODEL: The recalled single strollers all have metal frames with three wheels, a cloth seat and canopy. The twin strollers have a metal frame with four wheels, side-by-side cloth seats and double sun canopies. The strollers were sold in a variety of colors including red, orange, green, black, charcoal, and navy. The Phil & Ted logo is located on the crotch piece of the harness. This product was sold at baby furniture and baby products stores nationwide from August 2003 through August 2008 for between \$400 and \$650.



PROBLEM: The stroller's hinge locking mechanism poses a laceration hazard to the user folding and unfolding the strollers.

REMEDY: Consumer should stop using the stroller immediately and contact Regal Lager at **(877) 242-5676** or visit www.regallager.com to obtain a free hinge cover repair kit and instruction.

PRODUCT/FIRM: Children's Hooded Sweatshirts and Jackets by Orioxi International Corp.

BRAND/MODEL: The recalled garments were sold in children's sizes small, medium and large in the following colors: white, ivory, red, black, navy, brown, green, charcoal, blue, and pink. "BAC" is printed on the sewn-in tag on some of the garments. "Breckenridge", "Keystone", "Jackson Hole", "Vali", "Steamboat", and "Mackinac Island" is printed on the front of the garments.



This product was sold at "Shirt off My Back" retail stores located in Colorado, Wyoming, and Michigan from September 2005 through May 2008 for between \$20 and \$30.

PROBLEM: The sweatshirts and jackets have a drawstring through the hood which poses a strangulation hazard to young children.

REMEDY: Consumers should immediately remove the drawstring from the sweatshirts to eliminate the hazard. Consumers can return the garments to the place of purchase for a refund. For additional information, contact Outfitter Trading Company at **(800) 875-4352** or visit www.shirtoffmyback.com.

PRODUCT/FIRM: Children's Metal Water Bottles by Pottery Barn Kids

BRAND/MODEL: The metal water bottles are about 9 inches tall and have a black rubber pull up sip top. The style number and "Pottery Barn Kids" are printed on a white sticker on the bottom of the water bottle. The following water bottles are included in this recall: Lavender 5795141; Pink 5795166; Pink 9121591; Navy 5795158; Navy 9211583; Green



5795133. This product was sold at Pottery Barn Kids' stores nationwide, Pottery Barn Kids' catalog, and online at www.potterybarnkids.com from January 2007 through August 2008 for about \$10.

PROBLEM: The sip top on the water bottles can pull off, posing a choking hazard to young children.

REMEDY: Consumers should take the recalled water bottles away from children immediately and return them to any Pottery Barn Kids' store for a full refund. If purchased through the catalog or online, contact Pottery Barn Kids at **(877) 800-9720** or visit www.potterybarnkids.com to receive a full refund.

PRODUCT/FIRM: Action Baby Carriers by Optave Inc.

BRAND/MODEL: The recalled carriers were sold under the "Action Baby Carrier" brand name. The carriers are sold in various colors and patterns: blue, brown, green, "so square", and "the larrisa" and "spring breeze". This



product was sold at specialty retail stores nationwide and Internet sites from May 2008 through June 2008 for between \$80 and \$90.

PROBLEM: The baby carrier's chest strap can detach from the shoulder straps, posing a fall hazard to the baby.

REMEDY: Consumers should immediately stop using the carrier in the position that require the use of the chest strap and contact Optave at **(888) 666-6459** or visit www.actionbaby carriers.com to receive free replacement straps.

PRODUCT/FIRM: Children's Hooded Sweaters by Empress Arts Ltd.

BRAND/MODEL: The cotton knit sweaters are cream colored with a blue stripe at the wrist and waist, a blue ball on the hood, and blue buttons. There is a drawstring through the hood with pom-poms at the ends. The sweaters were sold in children's size 2T under the brand name "Empress Arts." "Empress Baby" is sewn into the sweater's tag. This product



was sold at specialty children's stores nationwide from August 2006 through April 2008 for between \$28 and \$45.

PROBLEM: The sweaters have drawstrings through the hood. Children can get entangled in the drawstrings that can catch on playground equipment, fences or tree branches.

REMEDY: Consumers should immediately remove the drawstring from the sweaters to eliminate the hazard. For additional information, contact Empress Art at **(323) 780-8181** or visit www.empressarts.com.



PRODUCT/FIRM: Circo Rossette Bobbie Socks by Target

BRAND/MODEL: The recall involves girls Circo bobbie socks. The socks were sold in packs of six (pink, purple, plain white and three pairs with a box), ranging in size from 6 to 12 months, 12 to 24 month and 2T to 5T. The

socks are packaged in a green and white sleeve with a Circo-brand logo on the front. This product was sold exclusively at Target stores nationwide from January 2007 to July 2008 for about \$6.

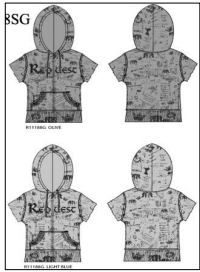
PROBLEM: The ribbon on the sock can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

REMEDY: Consumers should take these socks away from children and return them to the nearest Target store to receive a full refund. For additional information, contact Target at **(800) 440-0680** or visit www.target.com.

PRODUCT/FIRM: Drawstring Hoodies by Request Jeans

BRAND/MODEL: This recall involves the short sleeve hoodie (Item number 11188SG) and the Long sleeve

hoodie (Item number 11218LG). The short sleeve hoodie has "Request" printed all over and was sold in olive green and light blue. The long sleeve hoodie has a butterfly design on the back of the hoodie and on the chest and was sold in white and olive green. This product sold at mass merchandisers and other retail stores nationwide from January 2007 through March 2007 for about \$36.

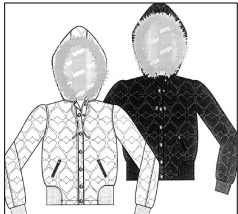


PROBLEM: The hoodies have a drawstring through the hood which can pose a strangulation hazard to children.

REMEDY: Consumers should immediately remove the drawstring from the sweatshirts to eliminate the hazard, or return the garment to either the place of purchase or to Request Jeans to receive a refund. For additional information, contact Request Jeans at (212) 302-0077.

PRODUCT/FIRM: BongoCheetah Girls Jackets by Kids with Character LLC

BRAND/MODEL: The recalled garments are Bongo Cheetah girls Jackets with style number 8N6003 and RN number 119132 printed on the care label. The jackets were sold in girls sizes 4 through 6X. This product was sold at Marshall's stores nationwide from November 2007 through August 2008 for about \$25.



PROBLEM: The garments have a drawstring through the hood which can pose a strangulation hazard to children.

REMEDY: Consumer should immediately remove the drawstring from the sweatshirts to eliminate the hazard, or return the garment to either Marshall's retail store or Kids with Character for a full refund. For additional information, contact Kids with character at (212) 695-6343.

PRODUCT/FIRM: Davenport Cribs by Baby Appleseed

BRAND/MODEL: The recall includes Davenport crib model numbers 273 and has manufacture dates on or



before August 2007 printed on a label located on the right side of the lower inner panel of the crib. The recalled cribs have two mattress support systems (a metal one and a wooden one.) Newer Davenport cribs with

model number beginning with 244 that have one mattress support are not included in the recall. The product was sold at specialty juvenile products stores nationwide from December 2006 through September 2007 for between \$600 and \$800.

PROBLEM: The cribs fail to meet the federal safety standards for cribs. The cribs have a two mattress support system. The secondary mattress support, used for the lowest position, does not meet the full 26 inch minimum height position, allowing children inside to crawl over the railing, posing a fall hazard.

REMEDY: Consumers should stop using the recalled cribs in the third lowest position, which uses the wooden mattress support, and contact Baby Appleseed to receive a repair kit. Consumers who are currently using the cribs with the metal mattress support in the top or middle position can continue to use the crib in those positions while awaiting a repair kit. For additional information, contact Baby Appleseed at (877) 348-2199 or visit www.babyappleseed.com.

PRODUCT/FIRM: Cribs by Mother Hubbard's Cupboards

BRAND/MODEL: The recall includes the following wooden full-size cribs: "Enchantment" (model #210), "Hush a Bye" (model #215), "Once upon a time" (model #320) and "Rock a bye" (model #1900-350). Only date codes from 0306 through 0308 are included in this recall.



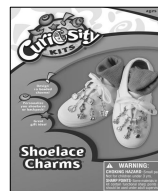
"Mother Hubbard's Cupboards", the model number and date code are printed on a label located on the bottom inside of the right side. This product was sold at juvenile product stores from March 2006 through March 2008 for between \$500 and \$650.

PROBLEM: The cribs fail to meet the federal safety standard. The distance of the mattress support bracket in the lowest position and the top of the side rail in the highest position is less than the required 26 inches. This poses a fall hazard to children who climb over the railing.

REMEDY: Consumers should stop using the cribs immediately and contact Mother Hubbard's Cupboards at (888) 661-8201 or visit www.mhcfurniture.com to receive instructions on how to re-install the support brackets to eliminate the hazard.

PRODUCT/FIRM: Children's Charm Craft Kits by Action Products International Inc.

BRAND/MODEL: This recall involves "Super Dooper Charms" (item #63403) and "Shoelace Charms" (item #67310) children's charm craft kits.



The craft kits contain components (i.e., charm, beads, wire, and claps) to assemble necklaces jewelry accessories or charms that can be hooked on shoelaces, backpacks or used as zipper pulls. The item number can be found on

the back of the package. This product was sold through various retailers nationwide from July 2007 through April 2008 for about \$17 for the "Super Dooper Charms" kits and \$6 for the "Shoelace Charms" kit.

PROBLEM: The clasp in the charm craft kits contains high levels of lead. Lead is toxic if ingested by young children and can cause adverse health effects.

REMEDY: Consumers should immediately take the recalled products away from children and contact Action Products International at (800) 772-2846 or visit www.apii.com for instructions on returning it for a free replacement.

PRODUCT/FIRM: Children's Necklaces with Ballet Shoes Charms by Paragon Books Ltd.

BRAND/MODEL: The recalled necklace has a silver-colored chain with a silver colored charm consisting of a pair of ballet shoes and a bow. The necklace was provided with the purchase of a children's book entitled, The Magical Ballet Slipper (alternatively entitled Ballerina's Magical Shoes), ISBN



1405411449, published by Paragon Books Ltd. The UPC 9781405411448 is printed on the back of the book. Spanish version of Las zapatillas magicas de la bailarina ISBN 1405448385; UPC 9781405448383. French version, Les petits chaussons magiques ISBN 1405449527, UPC 9781405449526 was sold at retail chains and independent bookstores nationwide from January 2003 through June 2008 for about \$7.

PROBLEM: The clasp on the charm of the necklace may contain high levels of lead, which if ingested by young children can cause adverse health effects.

REMEDY: Consumers should immediately take the recalled necklaces away from children and contact Parragon at (888) 480-2854 or visit www.parragonrecall.com for instructions on how to return the necklace and receive a free children's book.

PRODUCT/FIRM: "It's a Girl Thing" bracelets, Necklaces, and Phone charms by Bead Bazaar USA Inc.

BRAND/MODEL: This recall involves "It's a Girl thing" metal necklaces, bracelets, and phone charms. The jewelry features a variety of charms including flowers, shoes, letter and butterflies. "It's a Girl Thing" is printed on the packaging along with the UPC numbers 633870018419 (bracelets), 633870018426 (necklace), and 633870018433 (phone charm). This product was sold at retailers nationwide from February 2006 through June 2008 for about \$6.



PROBLEM: The children's jewelry could contain high levels of lead. Lead is toxic if ingested by young children and can cause adverse health effects.

REMEDY: Consumers should immediately take the recalled jewelry away from children and return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. For additional information, contact Bead Bazaar USA at (800) 838-1769 or visit www.beadkit.com.

PRODUCT/FIRM: Yayita Baby Hammocks by FlagHouse Inc.

BRAND/MODEL: The recalled baby hammock has crème-colored canvas and hangs from a wooden pole. The hammock measures about 29 x 43 inches. It has three restraint straps with red buckles and is attached to a cushioned pad for the infant. A mounting fixture, also called a fixing set, is sold with the hammock. "LaSiesta" is printed on a tag located below the restraint straps. Model number YABP-1 is



printed on a white tag sewn into the hammock's side seam. This product was sold by FlagHouse Inc's catalog, and online at www.flaghouse.com and at BJ Wholesale Club's Web site www.bjs.com, from September 2007 through August 2008 for about \$90.

PROBLEM: The hammock can flip over, posing a serious fall hazard and strangulation hazard to infants who get entrapped in the seat's restraint straps while upside down.

REMEDY: Consumers should immediately stop using the baby hammock and contact FlagHouse at (800) 793-7900 or visit www.flaghouse.com to receive a full refund, or credit toward the purchase of another product.

PRODUCT/FIRM: "Faded Glory" Lip Gloss, Locket and Bracelet Sets by Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and F.A.F Inc.

BRAND/MODEL: The recalled three piece sets contain a rectangle-shaped lip gloss container, a heart-shaped locket necklace, and a charm bracelet. The following models are included in the recall: Fog Set 6709-4250 UPC 72783357703; Monkey Set 6709-4251 UPC 72783357704; and Cat Set 6709-4252 UPC 72783357705. "Faded Glory", the model number, and UPC are printed on the product's hangtag. This product was sold at



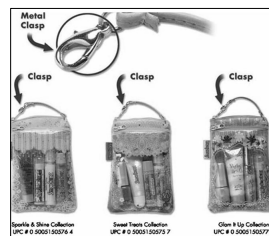
Wal-Mart stores nationwide from May 2008 through June 2008 for about \$6.

PROBLEM: The lobster claw clasp on the bracelet contains high levels of lead, which is toxic if ingested and can cause adverse health effects.

REMEDY: Consumers should immediately take the recalled bracelets away from children and return the set to any Wal-Mart for a full refund. For additional information, contact F.A.F. Inc. at (800) 949-3311 or visit www.faf.com.

PRODUCT/FIRM: Bonne Bell Children's Cosmetics Accessory Bags by Bonne Bell Co.

BRAND/MODEL: The recalled accessory bags are made of plastic and have a zipper and carrying handle. The bags come with an assortment of cosmetic product, which are not part of this recall. The model name and UPC numbers are located on the hangtag. The following recalled model names and UPC number



are involved in this recall: SMACKERS Sweet Treats Collection UPC 050051505757; SMACKERS Sparkle & Shine Collection UPC 050051505764; SMACKERS Glam It Up Collection UPC 050051505771; BONNEBELL Natural Neutrals Collection UPC 050051226409; BONNEBELL Pretty pinks Collection UPC 050051226416; BONNEBELL Fresh Pinks Collection UPC 050051226423; BONNEBELL Glamorous Neutrals Collection UPC 050051226430. This product was sold at retail stores nationwide and

Bonne Bell's Web site from September 2007 through August 2008 for about \$9.

PROBLEM: The metal claps on the handle of the accessory bags contain excessive levels of lead, which is toxic if ingested and can cause adverse health effects.

REMEDY: Consumers should immediately take the recalled accessory bag away from children and contact Bonne Bell at (866) 288-8643 or visit www.thebonnebellcompany.com/recall/ for a replacement bag.

PRODUCT/FIRM: Simplicity Brand Drop Side Cribs by Simplicity Inc.

BRAND/MODEL: This recall of Simplicity drop side cribs involves models that used a different style of hardware from those cribs recalled in September 2007. The recalled model numbers include: 8620, 8745, 8748, 8755, 8756, 8778, 8810, and 8994. The recalled drop side cribs have a date code, which can be found on a label on the headboard under the mattress support, which ends in 05DH, 05GB, 06DH, 06GB, 07DH or 07GB (examples: 1806 DH or 0507 GB). The recalled model names include: Apsen and Crib N Changer Combo, Gabrielle, Camille, Providence and Shenandoah. Only the brand name "Simplicity" can be seen on the label on the headboard. This product was sold by various children's stores and mass merchandisers nationwide from January 2005 through August 2008 for between \$150 and \$300.



PROBLEM: Due to sizing problems with the crib's hardware, the drop side can come off the tracks. When the drop side detaches or partially detaches, it creates a hazardous gap, which can lead to infant entrapment and suffocation.

REMEDY: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled cribs and find an alternative, safe sleeping environment for their baby. Consumers should return the recalled crib to the place of purchase for a refund or store credit. SFC A Inc. is working with retailers to carry out this recall program. For additional information, contact the SFC A Media Contact Amanda Lahan at (202) 466-6210 or at Amanda.lahan@pbnc.com.

PRODUCT/FIRM: SLA90 Youth All-Terrain Vehicle by SunL Group Inc.

BRAND/MODEL: The recalled SLA90 ATV's are intended for children between the ages of 12 and 15 years old.



The recalled SLA90 ATV's were available in the following solid colors: red, yellow, blue and green. The ATV's were available in the following camo colors: pink, brown, green and blue. The word "SunL" is on the front side of the

ATV's. This product was sold through SunL Group dealers nationwide and Web retailers from May 2005 through March 2007 for between \$400 and \$500.

PROBLEM: The youth ATV lacks front brakes, a manual fuel shut off and padding to cover the sharp edges on the handlebar assembly. Additionally, the

vehicle is sold without a tire pressure gauge or adequate flag pole bracket. The defects may lead to young drivers losing control of the ATV's, which poses the risk of serious injuries or death.

REMEDY: Consumers should immediately stop using these ATV's and contact SunL Group at (866) 355-0497 or visit www.sunl.com for instructions on how to receive a full refund.

PRODUCT/FIRM: It's My Binky's Personalized Pacifiers by It's My Binky

BRAND/MODEL: The recalled pacifiers have "Japlo" imprinted on the front of the pacifier shield at the bottom, center. The pacifiers were sold in blue, white and pink with various words or designs printed on the button of the pacifier. This product was sold at Nordstrom, baby boutique retail stores nationwide and online at www.itsmybinky.com from February 2006 through June 2008 for between \$5 and \$6.



PROBLEM: The pacifier button, ring handle and shield with nipple can detach, posing a choking hazard to infants.

REMEDY: Consumer should immediately take these pacifiers away from children and return them to the store where purchased or contact It's My Binky at (888) 689-9444 or visit www.itsmybinky.com if purchased online to receive a free replacement pacifier.

PRODUCT/FIRM: Taggies™ Sleep'n Play Infant Garments by Rashti & Rashti

BRAND/MODEL: The recall involves two Taggies™ Sleep 'n Play style infant garments sold in purple or blue and white with the style number listed in chart. The infant garments are one piece footed coveralls with snaps down the front. These garments were sold in sizes 0-3 months, 3-6 months, and 6-9 months. RB #27829 is printed on the care label sewn into the garment. Style numbers are printed on the hangtag of



the garments. The following styles are included in this recall. T21301H, T21302H, T20816H, T20817H, T20818H. These products were sold at Buy Buy Baby, Dillard's, Nordstrom, other specialty stores and Internet retailers nationwide from June 2007 through May 2008 for about \$20.

PROBLEM: The snaps on these garments can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

REMEDY: Consumers should immediately take the garments away from children and contact Rashti & Rashti at (888) 594-3730 or visit www.rashtiandrashti.com to receive a refund.

PRODUCT/FIRM: Children's Ball and Heart Necklaces, Portable CD and MP3 Players by Tween Brands Inc.

BRAND/MODEL: This recall involves a Ball and Heart Necklace with pink beads in varying sizes and a pink heart located in the center; a portable CD Player with flowers and dots available in blue and pink; a pink MP3 Player with purple, green, blue, yellow and red hearts;

and a light MP3 Player with a picture of a monkey's face on the front. This product was sold at Limited Too and Justice Retail stores nationwide, the Limited Too catalog, and on www.limitedtoo.com from May 2007 through August 2008. The Ball and Heart Necklace sold for about \$8, the



Portable CD players sold for about \$25, and the MP3 Players sold for about \$55.

PROBLEM: Surface coating on these products could contain excessive levels of lead, violating the federal lead paint standard.

REMEDY: Consumers should immediately take these recalled products away from children and return them to any Limited Too or Justice Store for a full refund and a coupon for a 15% discount off a future purchase. For additional information, contact Tween Brands at (800) 934-4497 or visit www.limitedtoo.com.

PRODUCT/FIRM: Heartland/Yardline/Backyard Play Systems Outdoor Playset Gliders by Backyard Play Systems LLC

BRAND/MODEL: This recall involves outdoor play set gliders designed to hang from home play equipment. The green plastic gliders were sold as an accessory to home play equipment marketed under the brand names Heartland Play Systems, Yardline Play Systems and Backyard Play Systems. This product was sold by Backyard Buildings and More, Lowe's stores nationwide and online at Costco.com, BettyMills.com, and BackyardBuildings.com from February 2008 through July 2008 for



about \$100.

PROBLEM: Some of the gliders were shipped with assembly instructions that did not inform consumers to tighten all lock nuts during assembly, including those attached by the manufacturer. As a result, some lock nuts were not fully fastened during assembly which may cause the glider to detach, posing a fall hazard to children.

REMEDY: Consumers should immediately stop using the gliders until all lock nuts are securely fastened. Backyard Play Systems is notifying all customers directly and is providing written instructions indicating the location of all lock nuts that must be securely fastened. For additional information, contact Backyard play Systems at (866) 890-2211 or visit www.BackyardBuildings.com.

PRODUCT/FIRM: Girls' Sandles by Rack Room Shoes Inc.



BRAND/MODEL: The recalled girls' sandals are leather with attached leather flowers and were sold under the Kids Feet name. The sandals are

white or white with pink soles. The sandals were sold in girls' sizes 5 through 12. This product was sold at Rack Room Shoes stores nationwide from February 2008 through June 2008 for about \$25.

PROBLEM: The ornamental flowers on the sandals can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

REMEDY: Consumers should take the recalled sandals away from children immediately and return them to the store where purchased for a refund or store credit. For additional information, contact Rack Room Shoes at (866) 344-1213 or visit www.rackroomshoes.com.

NEWS from the CPSC

Televisions, chests, armoires, and appliances are found in almost every room in your home. However, these items can tip over, and crush children causing injury or death. The Consumer Product Safety Commission reports that in the last two years there have been approximately 40 reports of television or furniture related tip-over deaths.

These deaths and injuries frequently occur when children climb onto, fall against or pull themselves up on television stands, shelves, bookcases, dressers, desks, chests and stove oven doors. Televisions placed on top of furniture can tip over and cause a child to suffer traumatic and sometimes fatal injuries.

To help prevent tip-over hazards, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends the following safety tips:

- Verify that your furniture is stable on its own.
- For added security, anchor all entertainment units, television stands, bookcases, shelving and bureaus to the wall of floor using appropriate hardware, such as brackets, screws, or toggles.
- Place televisions on sturdy furniture appropriate for the size of the television or on a low-rise base.
- Push the television as far back as possible from the front of its stand.
- Place electrical cords out of a child's reach, and teach children not to play with the cords.
- Remove items, such as toys and remote controls, from the top of the television and furniture that may tempt kids to climb.

Tip-over related deaths continue to be a problem, but these tragedies can be prevented by taking the above precautions.

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