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MEMORANDUM

DATE : March 7, 2000

TO : EP

Through: Sadye E. Dunn, Secretary

FROM : Martha Kosh

SUBJECT: Petition Requesting Requirements for Buckles on Child-Restraint Systems on Various Children's Products

ATTACHED ARE COMMENTS ON THE CH 00-2

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CH00-2-1

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Washington, DC 20207

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Subject: Petition HP00-1, Petition for Child-Restraint Systems

Dear CPSC:

In further support of my subject petition, I wanted to bring to your attention the attached article excerpt in which a mother talks about how easily her daughter defeats restraint system buckles and the danger that poses.

The article helps to illustrate that this problem is not at all unusual – rather, it's commonly experienced by many parents and other caregivers. As I run across similar articles, I'll forward them to you.

Sincerely,

John Galbreath

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October 6, 1996, Sunday

ADVANCED-DATE: October 6, 1996

SECTION: SPECIAL:HEALTH; Ed. 1,2; Pg. HEALTH-6

LENGTH: 927 words

HEADLINE: Toddler torments Accidents are top threat to child

SERIES: CHILDREN

BYLINE: Penni Crabtree
Penni Crabtree is a free-lance writer.

BODY:
Megan Duncanson is a normal, healthy, active 22-month-old toddler -- and that's pretty much the problem.

At 19 months, Megan learned to unbuckle her car seat and stroller seat belts. One of her first acts of shaky-legged independence was to tumble down a flight of stairs. And then there was the time she managed to take a spill from a shopping cart, though she was in a safety seat.

"At first, your baby is just this loaf that lies there," said Karen Duncanson, Megan's often anxious mother. "Then the baby starts advancing through all these stages, and you find yourself hopping around all the time to make sure they're OK.

"I'm not so much worried about mumps, measles and chicken pox -- it's the accidents," said Duncanson, 32, of Carlsbad. "Megan's really exploring now and has no fear, which means I have a lot."

Duncanson's fears are well founded. Though ranked only fifth on the list of leading causes of death among infants, accidents rise to the top of the chart after a child's first year, according to county statistics. Throughout childhood, accidents kill or seriously impair more children than any single disease or chronic health condition.

"In the 1930s, the leading cause of death was diarrhea, because we didn't understand then what we know now about fluids and electrolyte management," said Dr. Buzz Kaufman, director of inpatient services at Children's Hospital. "Since then, science has done a lot to prevent or cure illness; now accidents, and often very preventable accidents, are taking a toll."

For parents like Karen and Rob Duncanson, child safety issues are a priority. The Duncansons attended a child safety class, which taught them, among other things, to install gates around the fireplace, covers over

the electrical outlets and child-proof locks on all the doors.

These and other home safety measures will help ensure a healthy toddler, pediatricians agree. But as children get older, and venture more into the outside world, other safety concerns arise.

Children should be drilled in bicycle safety, water safety, and fire and burn prevention. As they take up sports, kids need to use the appropriate helmets, pads and other safety gear. And always, seat belts and child car seats used properly will go a long way toward reducing child mortality, experts agree.

Keeping children on their immunization schedule -- shots run through 2 years of age, with boosters as children enter school -- will also help preserve a child's health, local pediatricians said.

Yet parents should expect their children to get their share of common infections and ailments through the toddler years. By age 4 or 5, most children have developed immunities that will see them though school.

"A lot of new parents don't understand it's common for kids to have one or two infections a month for the first couple of years of life," said Dr. Dick Buchta, head of the division of pediatric and adolescent medicine at Scripps Clinic. "It is a natural thing."

Children should see their pediatricians regularly until age 2, and at least annually as they grow older for developmental screening purposes, Buchta said.

"Kids between ages 5 and 10 are very healthy, healthy physically and, if brought up well, healthy psychologically," Buchta said. "Five or 10 percent of the childhood population may have problems, but for the most part they won't be major problems."

Though most kids suffer few serious ailments during childhood, behavioral and developmental problems -- such as attention deficit hyperactivity disorder -- may manifest or become recognized as they enter school.

Those problems need to be addressed, but parents and teachers should be cautious about looking for a "quick medical fix," Buchta said.

"Sometimes it is easier to prescribe medicine than take time to find out what is really happening with a child," Buchta said. "We're tending to medicate our population of kids more than is healthy; it's hard for me to believe that 10 or 15 percent of kids need to be on some medication in order to function at school -- and the percentage is that high in some populations."

Good nutrition and exercise remain vital to a child's well-being, said local pediatricians. Studies show that children are heavier than their counterparts a generation ago, and now more than 30 percent of school-age youngsters are overweight.

Parents should provide children with appropriate amounts and kinds of food, as well as encourage physical activity. Food preferences are developed early in life, so parents need to push healthy food choices.

At some point, depending on a child's rate of physical and emotional growth, parents may want to consider sending their child to a physician with expertise in adolescent medicine, said some health professionals.

Girls can enter puberty as early as 8, though the average girl begins to develop at 10, and to menstruate at 12. Boys begin developing as early as 9, though most aren't fully developed until 15.

So how does a parent gauge the time is right to seek a different medical approach for their child?

"I like to say, somewhat facetiously, between the ages of 11 and 13, or when a kid starts smoking cigarettes -- which ever comes first," said Dr. Lawrence Friedman, chief of adolescent medicine at UCSD. "The latter definition is a behavioral one, but that is the point.

"A lot of health-care issues for adolescents are related to their social behavior, and at some point youngsters should be seen by someone with expertise in teen-agers."

GRAPHIC: 1 PHOTO; Karen Duncanson **buckles** her daughter, Megan, into her car seat in the back of the family car. Science has helped reduce many problems related to childhood disease, so safeguarding the health of a youngster means that parents need to concentrate on accident prevention.

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February 16, 2000

Office of the Secretary
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Washington, D.C. 20207

Dear Sir or Madam:

I have read John Galbrath's petition to initiate a new rule that will set the standard for child resistance in the buckles used in child restraint systems. I believe his data is most impressive and would like to support his petition for the CPSC to investigate the development of such a standard.

Please feel free to contact me, should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Frances Wallach

Frances Wallach, Ed.D., CLP, CTRS, CPSI

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Stevenson, Todd A. CH00-2-3

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Subject: Petition HP-00-1

** High Priority **
** Reply Requested by 2/23/2000 (Wednesday) **

To whom it may concern: I am sending you this note in support of the child restraint system petition mentioned above. I have had numerous experience where my 18 month old daughter has gotten out of a shopping cart restraint either by wiggling out or unlatching the belt, which is done within seconds after turning my back. Please take a look at this problem and considered changing the standard to which these restraints and others like it apply.

Stevenson, Todd A

CH00-2-4

From: "Ouffoue (Altig) Susan" <souffoue@archdpdx.org> at INTERNET-MAIL
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Subject: Petition HP-00-1 Petition for Child Restraint Systems

I would definitely like to see safer child restraint buckles in strollers,
hair chairs, shopping carts etc.

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Stevenson, Todd A.

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From: <DianeGore@aol.com> at INTERNET-MAIL
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Subject: petition HHP-00-1

I would like to say that I have had problems with my children opening car
seat latches and wriggling out of shopping cart and high chair restraints.
Something definitely needs to change!

Stevenson, Todd A.

From: "Steve Lisa & Justin Kaukonen" <celtic3@prodigy.net> at INTERNET-MAIL
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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to give my opinion that child buckles on strollers, shopping carts, etc. be made child-resistant. The number of accidents are alarming! We need to protect our children.

Thank you,

Lisa Kaukonen

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March 6, 2000

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Subject: Comments on Petition HP-00-1, Petition for Child-Restraint Systems

The subject petition, from John A. Galbreath, "requests that the CPSC initiate a new rule requiring that the buckles used to fasten child restraint systems in various products meet a child-resistance standard." The petitioner claims that the lack of a standard for child resistant buckles is a contributing factor in many injuries that occur when children fall out of these products. The products the petitioner seeks to be within the scope of the requested rule include strollers, high chairs, changing stations, shopping carts, and the like.

In part, the petitioner provides support for his request by citing a 1997 report[1] that evaluated the child resistance of three styles of stroller belt buckles. The report concluded that some buckles on stroller restraint systems may provide false security to parents and caretakers since they do not have to meet any performance standard regarding child resistance. At the time the report was published, I was the Chief Engineer for Children's Products at the CPSC and the author of the report, Dr. Marcella Ridenour, sent me several copies. After reading Dr. Ridenour's conclusions, I requested a search of CPSC incident data files to determine if there were any reports of incidents or injuries associated with the ability of a stroller occupant to operate the release mechanism of the restraint buckles and thereby fall out. Printouts from NEISS, IPII, INDP and DTHS files (copies enclosed) for the period 1/93 to 1/12/98 revealed the following:

NEISS (3 entries) – Comments made no mention that injuries were associated with buckle release by the occupant.

IIPI (11 entries) – Five entries mentioned buckle release but none stated that the release was initiated by the occupant.

INDP (4 entries, 2 of which were incidents reported in IIPI file) – Two incidents reported buckle release but neither stated that the release was initiated by the occupant.

DTHS – No entries.

[1] Marcella V. Ridenour, "How Child-Resistant Are Stroller Belt Buckles?", Perceptual and Motor Skills, 1997, 84, 611-616.

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In the absence of reports to the CPSC regarding an occupant's ability to release a buckle on a stroller restraining system, CPSC staff did not further pursue Dr. Ridenour's allegation that "some buckles on stroller restraint systems may provide false security to parents and other caretakers."

Petition HP-00-1 was accompanied by incident data covering the time period 7/31/98 to 7/31/99 that was stated to have been obtained from CPSC's NEISS and other data bases. The data summarized 23 incidents in which children fell out of strollers (6 incidents), high chairs (6 incidents) and shopping carts (11 incidents). In 13 of the incidents, "verbatim comments" provided by the petitioner stated that a restrained occupant released the buckle of the restraining straps. I would like to request a copy of the CPSC data that was provided to the petitioner that, in part, is used as evidence to support his request for a new rule for the buckles of child restraint systems on certain products to have a double-action release mechanism.

Sincerely,

John D. Preston, P.E.

Enclosure

JAN 1993 - JAN 12, 1998 SEARCH FOR STROLLER BUCKLE INCIDENTS
NATIONAL ELECTRONIC INJURY SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM (NEISS) 11:23 Monday, January 12, 1998
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*PRODUCT 1522 BABY STROLLERS

TR_DATE	AGE	SEX	DIAG	BDYPRT	DIS	LOC	F/A	OCC	PROD2	3RD	SV	COMMENT
940705	209	F	LACR	MOUTH	1	1	0	2	0000	0	4	PT REPORTEDLY BITING BUCKLE ON STROLLER CUTTING GUM AND LT FRONT TEETH, LACERATION/ DENTAL INJURY
940729	201	F	I-O-I	HEAD	1	1	0	2	0000	0	5	PT BUCKLED IN STROLLER OUTSIDE OF HOUSE WHICH TIPPED GOING OVER A CURB STRUCK HEAD ON GROUND, MINOR HEAD TRAUMA/ CONTUSION
961110	221	M	FRACT	U/ARM	1	1	0	2	0000	0	3	FX (L) U. ARM (HUMERUS), MOTHER STS PT SUST INJURY WITH THE STROLLER BUCKLET @ HOME.

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REPORTED INCIDENTS 11:23 Monday, January 12, 1998
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1 N95A9025A DATE RECV/ISSUE: 951017 / 3 TYPE CONTACT: CONSUMER COMPLAINT CONFIRMED:
DATE INCIDENT: 951011 DATE ENTERED : 951030 CITY/STATE : SAN DIEGO, CA
AGE/SEX : 216 / F DISP : TR/REL WORK RELATED: N HAZARD: FALLS
1ST PRODUCT : 1522 BABY STROLLERS MFR/MOD: SPECTRUM JUVENILE PRODUCT, INC / STYLE 4355W
NARRATIVE : WHEN BUCKLES CONNECTING BACK OF STROLLER CAME UNDONE A 14 MONTH OLD F
EMALE LEANED FORWARD IN STROLLER, CAUSING HER TO FALL AND SPLIT HER L
IP AND BRUISED HER CHIN.

2 N9760071A DATE RECV/ISSUE: 970609 / 37 TYPE CONTACT: CONSUMER COMPLAINT CONFIRMED: Y
DATE INCIDENT: 970605 DATE ENTERED : 970623 CITY/STATE : ACTON, MA
AGE/SEX : 206 / M DISP : 0 WORK RELATED: N HAZARD: SUFFOCATION OR STRANGULATIO
1ST PRODUCT : 1522 BABY STROLLERS MFR/MOD: EMMALJUNGA / 17204-726
NARRATIVE : 6 MONTH OLD BOY SECURED IN STROLLER HAD A HARNESS BUCKLE IN HIS
MOUTH. BUCKLES SLIDE RIGHT OFF. NO INJURY.

3 N9760110A 970613CCN0444 DATE RECV/ISSUE: 970612 / 37 TYPE CONTACT: CONSUMER COMPLAINT CONFIRMED: M
DATE INCIDENT: 970607 DATE ENTERED : 970624 CITY/STATE : ST. LOUIS, MO
AGE/SEX : 215 / F DISP : TR/REL WORK RELATED: N HAZARD: FALLS
1ST PRODUCT : 1522 BABY STROLLERS MFR/MOD: BABY TREND / 1415W
NARRATIVE : 15 MONTH OLD GIRL FELL OUT OF STROLLER WHEN WAIST STRAP DETACHED FROM
BUCKLE. SHE BRUISED HER LEFT LEG.

4 N9380010A DATE RECV/ISSUE: 931122 / 8 TYPE CONTACT: CONSUMER COMPLAINT CONFIRMED:
DATE INCIDENT: 930000 DATE ENTERED : 931213 CITY/STATE : CLIFTON, NJ
AGE/SEX : 000 / ? DISP : 0 WORK RELATED: N HAZARD: FALLS
1ST PRODUCT : 1522 BABY STROLLERS MFR/MOD: COMBI INTERNATIONAL / M-701
NARRATIVE : A CHILD WAS NEARLY INJURED IN A FALL FROM A STROLLER WHEN THE WHEELS
BUCKLED.

5 N9490188A DATE RECV/ISSUE: 940926 / 52 TYPE CONTACT: CONSUMER COMPLAINT CONFIRMED: M
DATE INCIDENT: 940914 DATE ENTERED : 941018 CITY/STATE : SEA GIRT, NJ
AGE/SEX : 211 / F DISP : TR/REL WORK RELATED: N HAZARD: SUFFOCATION OR STRANGULATIO
1ST PRODUCT : 1522 BABY STROLLERS MFR/MOD: INGLESINA/INGLESINA / 000
NARRATIVE : A 11 MONTH OLD FEMALE WAS SLIGHTLY INJURIED WHEN SHE GOT HER FINGER C
AUGHT IN THE WAIST STRAP BUCKLE ON A TWIN STROLLER.

6 N9790244A DATE RECV/ISSUE: 970930 / 1 TYPE CONTACT: CONSUMER COMPLAINT CONFIRMED:
DATE INCIDENT: 970921 DATE ENTERED : 971017 CITY/STATE : FREEHOLD, NJ
AGE/SEX : 002 / F DISP : 0 WORK RELATED: N HAZARD: OTHER
1ST PRODUCT : 1522 BABY STROLLERS MFR/MOD: JOLLY JUMPER / H# 1906-45
NARRATIVE : WHEELS FELL OFF A TANDEM BABY STROLLER DURING USE ON A SIDEWALK AT A
BUCKLE. STROLLER IS USED FOR 9 MONTH OLD MALE AND 2 YEAR OLD
FEMALE. NO INJURY

7 N9560055A 950621CNE5408 DATE RECV/ISSUE: 950627 / 39 TYPE CONTACT: CONSUMER COMPLAINT CONFIRMED: Y
DATE INCIDENT: 950606 DATE ENTERED : 950714 CITY/STATE : BROOKLYN, NY
AGE/SEX : 203 / M DISP : TR/REL WORK RELATED: N HAZARD: FALLS
1ST PRODUCT : 1522 BABY STROLLERS MFR/MOD: DAUST JUVENILE PRODUCTS INC/AP / M-401
2ND PRODUCT : 1842 STAIRS OR STEPS MFR/MOD: /
NARRATIVE : A 3 MONTH OLD MALE WAS BUMPED ON HIS HEAD IN A FALL FROM A STROLLER O
NTO STEPS AFTER A STRAP BUCKLE DETACHED.

8 N9780057A 970814CCN0505 DATE RECV/ISSUE: 970808 / 45 TYPE CONTACT: CONSUMER COMPLAINT CONFIRMED: Y
DATE INCIDENT: 970722 DATE ENTERED : 970819 CITY/STATE : MCCONNELSVILLE, OH
AGE/SEX : 209 / F DISP : TR/REL WORK RELATED: N HAZARD: FALLS
1ST PRODUCT : 1522 BABY STROLLERS MFR/MOD: AVALON PRODUCTS, INC./ AVALON / BT-206C
NARRATIVE : 9 MONTH OLD GIRL RECEIVED AN ABRASION AND BUMP TO HER FOREHEAD AFTER
FALLING FACE FIRST OUT HER STROLLER ONTO GRAVEL. UMBRELLA
STROLLER'S BUCKLE DISENGAGED WHILE IT WAS PULLED.

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9 H9780221A DATE RECV/ISSUE: 970828 / 48 TYPE CONTACT: CONSUMER COMPLAINT CONFIRMED: M
DATE INCIDENT: 970825 DATE ENTERED : 970911 CITY/STATE : WARRENTON, VA
AGE/SEX : 206 / M DISP : 0 WORK RELATED: N HAZARD: FALLS
1ST PRODUCT : 1522 BABY STROLLERS MFR/MOD: CENTURY / 11-171JUL
NARRATIVE : THE WAIST STRAP BUCKLE UNLOCKED WITH EASE ON A BABY STROLLER UNDER CAP DURING USE BY A 6 MONTH OLD MALE. NO INJURY.

10 G9750177A DATE RECV/ISSUE: 970606 / 36 TYPE CONTACT: GOVERNMENT REFERRALCONFIRMED:
DATE INCIDENT: 960611 DATE ENTERED : 970618 CITY/STATE : SUPERIOR, WI
AGE/SEX : 213 / F DISP : UNK WORK RELATED: N HAZARD: FALLS
1ST PRODUCT : 1522 BABY STROLLERS MFR/MOD: CENTURY PRODUCTS CO/FOUR -IN-ONE / 11570
NARRATIVE : A 13 MONTH OLD FEMALE SUFFERED SEVERE FACIAL ABRASIONS WHEN A HINGE ON HER STROLLER SUDDENLY FAILED AND THE SEAT FLIPPED OVER BACKWARDS AND FATHER FELL OVER IT. THE INFANT WAS BUCKLED IN.

11 H9590061A DATE RECV/ISSUE: 950911 / 50 TYPE CONTACT: CONSUMER COMPLAINT CONFIRMED: N
DATE INCIDENT: 950800 DATE ENTERED : 950928 CITY/STATE : RIPLEY, WV
AGE/SEX : 000 / ? DISP : 0 WORK RELATED: N HAZARD: SUFFOCATION OR STRANGULATIO
1ST PRODUCT : 1522 BABY STROLLERS MFR/MOD: MOTIVE SPORTS/JOGGETE /
NARRATIVE : THE BUCKLE ON THE SAFETY STRAP IN A STOLLER BECAME UNSTITCHED. NO IN JURY.

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1 930519CNE5141 N9350041 SOURCE: 99 TYPE : ONSITE STATUS : C
DATE ACCIDENT: 930512 DATE ENTERED : 930720 CITY/STATE : SOUTH WINDSOR, CT LOCATION : HOME
AGE/SEX : 211 / M DISP : UNK DIAGNOSIS : LACERATION BODYPART : FACE
1ST PRODUCT : 1522 BABY STROLLERS MFR/MOD: KOLCRAFT PRODUCTS INC. / MODEL 16132-PGX
NARRATIVE : THE STITCHING CAME COMPLETELY OUT OF THE BUCKLE ON THE SAFETY RESTRAINT, THEREBY ENABLING THE 11 MONTH OLD MALE CHILD TO STAND IN THE STROLLER AND ULTIMATELY FALL OUT ONTO CONCRETE, FACE FIRST.

2 950608CCN2183 N9550315A SOURCE: CONSUMER COMPLAINT TYPE : ONSITE STATUS : C
DATE ACCIDENT: 950523 DATE ENTERED : 950808 CITY/STATE : WABASH, IN LOCATION : HOME
AGE/SEX : 206 / F DISP : D DIAGNOSIS : CONTUSIONS, ABR. BODYPART : HEAD
1ST PRODUCT : 1522 BABY STROLLERS MFR/MOD: BIG SAVE CO. / CT 501-502
2ND PRODUCT : 4057 TABLES, NOT ELSEWHERE CLASSIFIED MFR/MOD: UNK / UNK
NARRATIVE : A 6 MONTHS OLD FEMALE SUSTAINED A BUMP TO HER HEAD WHEN THE CALLAPSIBLE STROLLER SEAT BELT BUCKLE SEPERATED FROM THE STRAP WHILE THE VICTIM WAS IN THE STROLLER, ALLOWING HER TO FALL FOREWARD AND BUMP HER HEAD ON A TABLE AND FLOOR. MEDICAL ATTENTION WAS NOT SOUGHT
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3 950621CNE5408 N9560055A SOURCE: CONSUMER COMPLAINT TYPE : PHONE STATUS : C
DATE ACCIDENT: 950606 DATE ENTERED : 950809 CITY/STATE : BROOKLYN, NY LOCATION : PUBLIC
AGE/SEX : 223 / M DISP : TR/REL DIAGNOSIS : CONTUSIONS, ABR. BODYPART : HEAD
1ST PRODUCT : 1522 BABY STROLLERS MFR/MOD: DAUST JUVENILE PROD. INC. / APOLLO M#401
2ND PRODUCT : 1842 STAIRS OR STEPS MFR/MOD: UNK. / UNK.
NARRATIVE : A 7 MONTH OLD MALE WAS IN HIS STROLLER AND WAS RESTRAINED BY A PLASTIC WAIST CROTCH STRAP. BOTH ENDS OF THE RESTRAINING STRAP CAME TOGETHER WITH A SNAP BUCKLE CONSISTING OF INTERLOCKING PIECES. THE INFANT WAS BEING CARRIED, IN THE STROLLER, DOWN STAIRS, WHEN THE STRAP BUCKLE FAILED, RELEASING THE CHILD AND CAUSING HIM TO FALL OUT AND ONTO STAIRS. ONLY INJURY WAS A BUMP ON THE HEAD WHICH HAS HEALED.

4 970814CCN0505 N9780057A SOURCE: CONSUMER COMPLAINT TYPE : OTHER STATUS : C
DATE ACCIDENT: 970722 DATE ENTERED : 971117 CITY/STATE : MCCONNELSVILLE, OH LOCATION : PUBLIC
AGE/SEX : 209 / F DISP : TR/REL DIAGNOSIS : CONTUSIONS, ABR. BODYPART : FACE
1ST PRODUCT : 1522 BABY STROLLERS MFR/MOD: AVALON PRODUCTS, INC. / BT206C APR 22, 1996
NARRATIVE : A CHILD FELL FACE FIRST OUT OF A STROLLER. THE SNAP TYPE BUCKLE APPARENTLY UNSNAPPED. THE CHILD RECEIVED A MINOR ABRASION AND CONTUSION TO THE FOREHEAD.

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DATE : March 6, 2000

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MESSAGE:

Attached are comments to Petition HP-00-1, Petition for Child-Restraint Systems.

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Subject: Petition HP-001, "Petition for Child-Restraint Systems"

It appalls me to see the number of serious accidents that are occurring every
year, and yet nothing has been done to remedy this situation. Please, for our
children's sake, please make the safety belts childproof. Children are a lot
smarter than we think, and they figure things out easily. The current
standard safety belts are just too simple. My son learned how to buckle it
when he was only 1 1/2 years old!
Sincerely,
A Concerned Parent,
Kathy Lehman

Stevenson, Todd A. CH00-3-9

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To: <cpsc-os@cpsc.gov> at internet-mail
Subject: child restraints

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I would like to see child restraints become child proof on strollers,
car seats and especially shopping carts, and restaurant high chairs.
These are very dangerous for children and with a small adjustment, they
could be alot safer for everyone involved. Thanks Jennifer Beard