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CPSC, Firms Recall Cigarette Lighters, and Boys Jackets and Sweatshirts

PRODUCT Cigarette Lighters - Penda New York Inc., of New York, N Y, is recalling about 22,300 novelty and disposable cigarette lighters. The novelty lighters are plastic and shaped as a "BMW" toy car with flashing lights and keychain, a "Coke" soda bottle, a "Budweiser" beer can with flashing lights, a fire extinguisher, and a telephone pager with flashing lights belt clip. The disposable lighters are silver-colored metal and are relatively flat, measuring 2.75 inches long, 1 inch wide and .25 inch thick. A "MADE IN CHINA" label is on each lighter. Small stores and souvenir shops in the New York and Miami areas sold the lighters from January 1999 through July 1999 for about \$5. U.S. Customs alerted CPSC to this product hazard.



PROBLEM: The lighters do not have any child-resistant mechanisms, as required by federal law. Young children could ignite the lighters, presenting fire and burn hazards.

INCIDENTS/INJURIES None reported

WHAT TO DO Stop using these lighters immediately and return them to the store where purchased for

a full refund. For more information, call Penda New York Inc collect at (212) 889-6740 between 9 a m and 5 p m. ET Monday through Friday.

PRODUCT: Boys Jackets and Sweatshirts Montgomery Ward, of Chicago, Ill , is recalling about 780 boys hooded jackets and sweatshirts sold under the brand name North West Blue The jackets and sweatshirts being recalled have the following identification numbers printed on the care label "RN90866" or "RN81862" The garments are made in Nepal or Pakistan from 100 percent cotton in sizes small through large. The sweatshirt is style RN 90866, which comes in navy or olive This is a pullover style sweatshirt with a zipper front pouch pocket and elbow pads The jacket is style RN 81862, which comes in khaki, navy, olive or natural with stripes on the chest and sleeves This is a zip front jacket made from cotton canvas with a fleece hood "North West Blue" is on a sewn-in label at the neck of both garment styles. Montgomery Ward stores nationwide sold the garments from August 1999 to October 1999 for about \$20.





PROBLEM. The jackets and sweatshirts have hood drawstrings. Children can get entangled and strangle in the drawstrings that catch on playground equipment, fences or tree branches. Since 1985, CPSC knows of 16 deaths from neck/hood drawstrings. To help prevent children from strangling by their clothing drawstrings, in 1996 CPSC issued guidelines for drawstrings on children's outerwear, which were subsequently incorporated into a voluntary standard. For jackets and sweatshirts, CPSC recommends that drawstrings be completely removed and that alternate closures, such as snaps, buttons, Velcro or elastic be used. Montgomery Ward had been adhering to the voluntary standard and has implemented procedures to prevent future errors.

INCIDENTS/INJURIES: None reported.

WHAT TO DO: Stop wearing the jackets and sweatshirts. Either remove the drawstrings from the hood or return them to the nearest Montgomery Ward store for a full refund. For more information, call Montgomery Ward at (800) 695-3553 between 8 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. CT Monday through Friday or access their web site at www.wards.com/HTML/Recall_oct99.html

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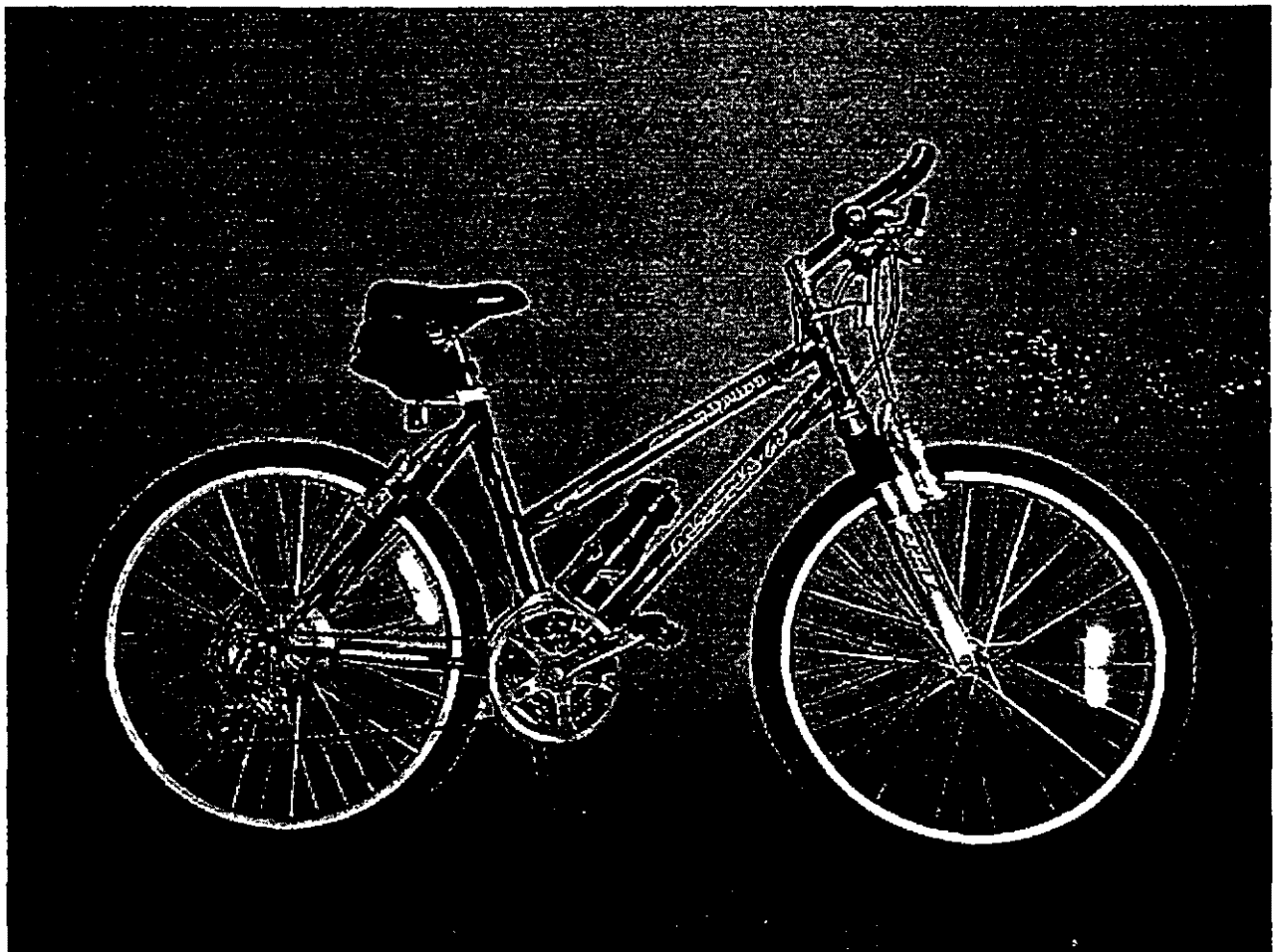
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CPSC, Firms Announce Recall of Mountain Bikes & Underwater Strobes

PRODUCT: Mountain Bikes - Dynacraft Industries Inc. of San Rafael, Calif., is voluntarily recalling about 3,000 Magna "Great Divide," 21-speed mountain bikes, sold in the 24-inch size for girls and boys, and the 26-inch size for women and men. The bikes have a model number on the left side of the seat post. The girls' bikes have model number 8504-50 and are purple. The boys' bikes have model number 8504-51 and are blue. The women's bikes have model number 8547-84 and also are purple. The men's bikes have model number 8547-85 and are black. The words "Great Divide" are located on the cross-tubes of these bicycles and the word "KALLOY" is located on the handlebar stems. Fred Meyer Stores in Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Oregon, Utah and Washington sold these bikes from December 1998 through August 18, 1999 for about \$160.

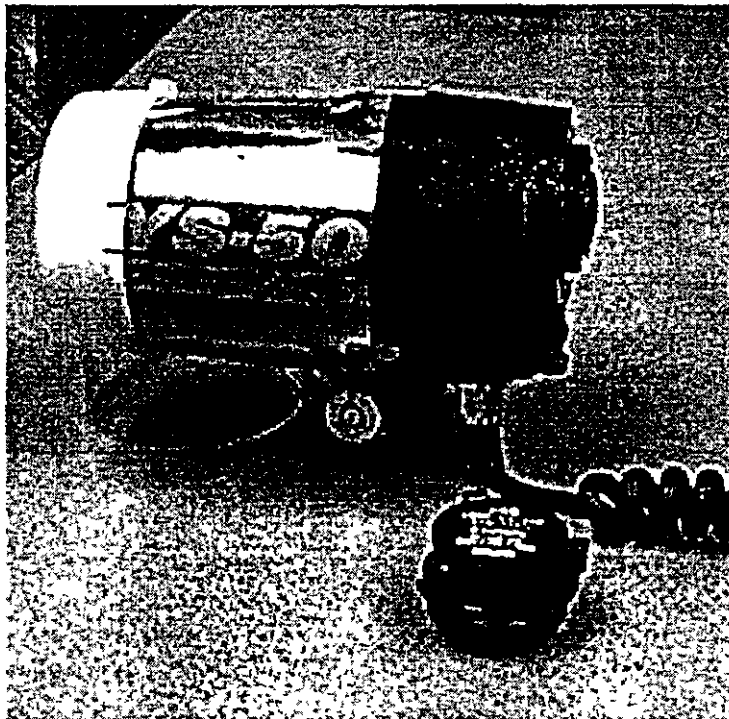


PROBLEM: These bikes could have defective handle bar stems which will not tighten sufficiently to lock onto the bicycles. This can cause the front wheel not to turn properly, resulting in serious injuries to the rider from falls.

INCIDENTS/INJURIES: Dynacraft Industries is not aware of any injuries or incidents involving these bicycles. This recall is being conducted to prevent the possibility of injuries.

WHAT TO DO: Consumers should stop riding these bikes immediately and take them to the Fred Meyer Store where purchased for a free inspection and repair, if needed. Consumers also can call Dynacraft Industries Inc. at (800) 551-0032 between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. PDT Monday through Friday to receive a free replacement handlebar stem.

PRODUCT: Underwater Strobes - Sea & Sea Underwater Photography (U.S.A.) Inc., of Carlsbad, Calif., is recalling about 7,000 underwater camera strobe lights, used as a light source for photography to replace the battery cap. The recall includes all model number YS-50 strobes. It also includes all model number YS-60 and YS-120 strobes with serial numbers beginning with 96 or 94. The serial numbers are written inside the plastic housing. They were sold in yellow, black and orange. Writing on the strobes includes, "Sea & Sea" and "Japan." Scuba dive centers and photography stores nationwide sold these strobes from February 1988 through March 1999 for between \$500 and \$800.



PROBLEM: If the strobe becomes flooded, gas build-up can cause the battery cap to forcefully eject off of the strobe or cause the front section of the strobe to violently separate from the back section. Pieces of the strobe can strike the user or others in the vicinity.

INCIDENTS/INJURIES: CPSC and Sea & Sea have received two reports of injury resulting from the strobes. The first incident, in the Caribbean, occurred when a repair technician had a tooth chipped as he was removing the battery cap. The second incident, in Japan, caused facial lacerations to a consumer when the strobe unit violently broke apart.

WHAT TO DO: Consumers should immediately stop using these strobes. Any strobe suspected of being

flooded, which is indicated when the unit either stops working or is corroded, should be returned to an authorized repair center for repair. Sea & Sea is offering a free replacement battery cap with a vent that prevents the gas build up within the strobe. To locate the nearest authorized repair center or for more information, consumers should call Sea & Sea at (800) 732-7977 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PST Monday through Friday. Consumers also can write to: Sea & Sea Products Underwater Photography (U.S.A.) Inc., 1938 Kellogg Ave., Carlsbad, CA 92008 or email service@seaandsea.com

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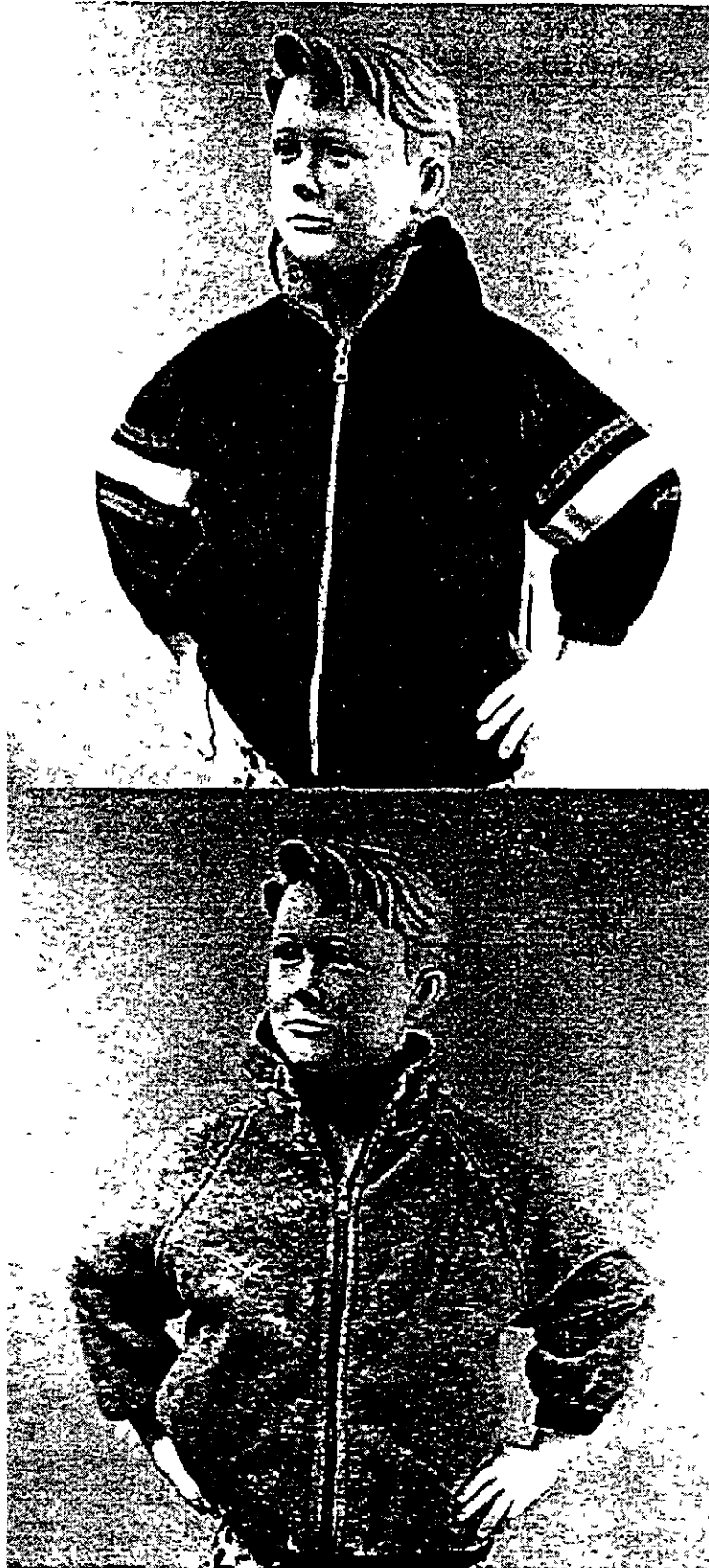
CPSC, J.C. Penney Announce Recall of Boys Jackets

WASHINGTON, D C - In cooperation with the U S Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), J C. Penney Co Inc , of Plano, Texas, is recalling about 20,000 USA Olympic brand boys jackets. There are 7-inch drawstrings at the bottom of the jackets. Children could be dragged if the drawstrings catch in a vehicle's door, and suffer injury or death. J.C. Penney is not aware of any injuries or incidents involving these jackets. Since 1991, CPSC knows of 6 deaths and 8 injuries to children from coat drawstrings catching in bus or car doors. In 1996 CPSC issued guidelines for drawstrings on children's outerwear, which were subsequently incorporated into a voluntary standard. The standard limits bottom drawstrings on children's upper outerwear to 3 inches. J C Penney has been adhering to the voluntary standard and has implemented procedures to prevent future errors.

The recalled USA Olympic brand jackets are reversible. One side has navy nylon fabric with grey and white stripes on the sleeves, two pockets, and the USA Olympic logo on the chest. The other side has grey polar fleece fabric, two pockets, and the USA Olympic logo on the back. The jackets are made in the United States in boys sizes 2T through 5T and 4 through 7.

J.C. Penney stores nationwide sold the jackets from June 1999 to November 1999 for about \$30.

Consumers should stop using the jackets immediately. Either remove the drawstrings or return the jacket to the nearest J C Penney store for a full refund. For more information, contact J C Penney anytime toll-free at (888) 333-6063 or at www.jcpenney.com.



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CPSC, Manufacturers Announce Recall to Replace Toy and Youth Basketball Nets

WASHINGTON, D C - In cooperation with the U S Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Franklin Sports, Huffy Sports and Lifetime Products are announcing a voluntary recall to replace the nets on 900,000 toy and youth basketball sets. Children could strangle on loops or openings in nets that come unhooked from the rim or have knots that slide. If children put their heads into these openings, the net can get tangled around their necks.

Franklin Sports has received one report of a 3-year-old boy getting his head and neck caught in a basketball net. Huffy Sports and Lifetime Products have received no incident reports. No injuries have been reported.

In December 1998, Fisher Price, Little Tikes, Ohio Art and Today's Kids recalled 10.1 million toy basketball sets to replace their nets. This recall followed 20 reports of children under 5 getting their heads and necks caught in the nets, including the death of an 18-month-old child.

Consumers should immediately inspect their basketball sets for nets that can unhook from the rim or have knots that slide.

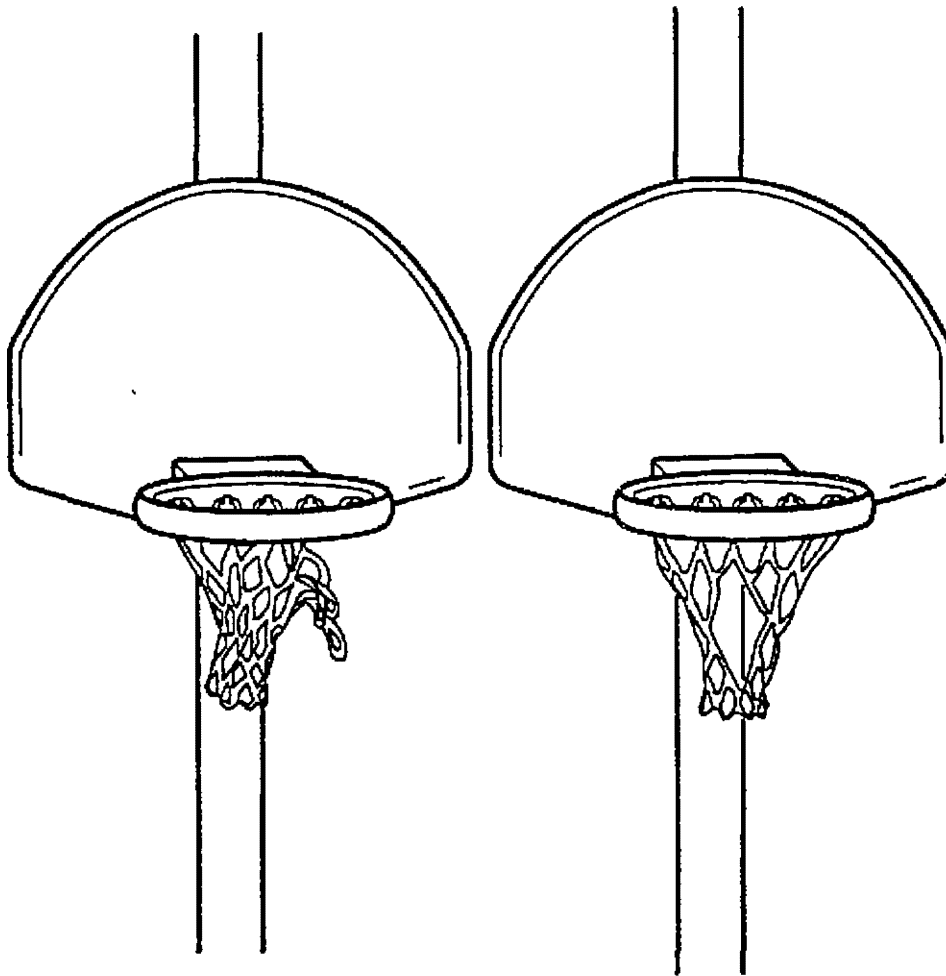
The basketball sets with nets that need to be replaced come in a variety of colors and include a nylon net and plastic or metal hoop attached to a plastic, youth-sized pole. The pole is set in a plastic base and adjusts from 3 to 6 feet high. Franklin Sports recalled basketball sets are called "Slam Dunk Youth Basketball Set." Huffy Sports recalled basketball sets are called "Youth One-On-One." Lifetime Products recalled basketball sets are called "Shoot Case." The manufacturer's name is on the backboard, base or hoop of each toy. The manufacturers will help consumers determine if the nets need to be replaced.

Toy, sporting goods, mass merchandise and discount department stores nationwide sold the basketball sets since 1993 for \$13 to \$40. Basketball sets sold in stores today, by the participating manufacturers, have nets that are attached securely to the rim and are not involved in this recall. In addition, nets on full-sized portable or in-ground sets over 6 feet high are not recalled.

Consumers should remove and throw away nets that can unhook or have knots that slide. Manufacturers will send consumers new nets that securely attach to the rim and do not have sliding knots. The basketball set can be used without a net until the new net arrives. Consumers should not return the product to stores.

Manufacturer	Brand	Quantity/Dates Sold	Toll-Free Number/Web Address
Franklin Sports Stoughton, Mass	<u>Slam Dunk Youth Basketball Set</u>	580,000 sold between 1996 and 1999	(877) 730-1962
Huffy Sports Sussex, Wis.	<u>Youth One-On-One</u>	180,000 sold between 1994 and 1999	(800) 558 5234 www.huffysports.com
Lifetime Products Clearfield, Utah	<u>Shoot Case</u>	140,000 sold between 1993 and 1997	(800) 242-3865 www.lifetime.com

Today's announcement is the result of reports to CPSC following the December 1998 recalls. For information about the previous recalls, consumers should contact CPSC at (800) 638-2772 anytime.



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CONTACT JumpSport: (888) 567-5867

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CPSC, Firms Announce Recalls of Trampoline Safety Net Enclosures and Sewing Machines

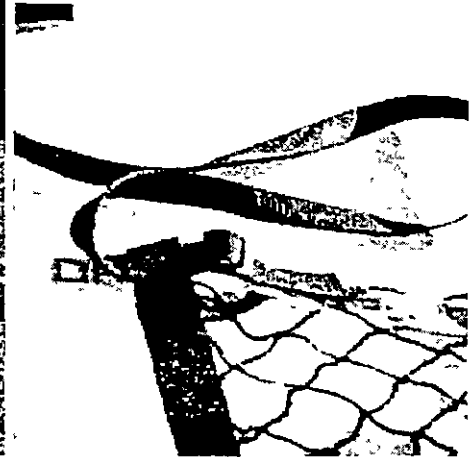
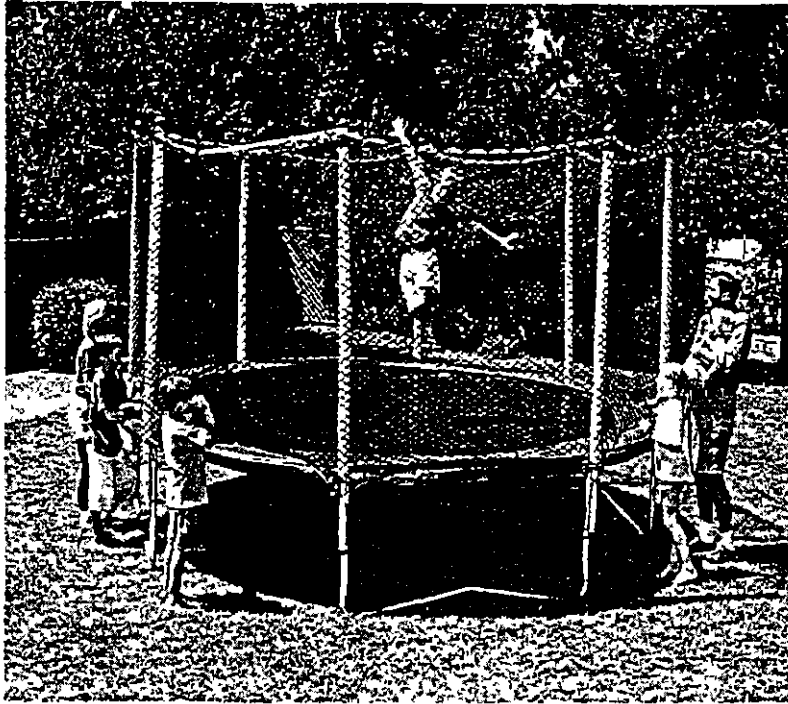
PRODUCT: Trampoline Safety Net Enclosures - JumpSport Inc., of Saratoga, Calif., is recalling about 2,300 trampoline safety net enclosures. The safety net enclosures are sold separately to be attached to trampolines that measure 10 to 14 feet in diameter. The net enclosure extends 6 feet above the trampoline, caging the jumpers. The safety enclosures are made of black netting, with yellow straps woven through the top of the net (with JumpSport printed in red) and red straps woven through the bottom of the net.

To identify the recalled nets, consumers should look for black buckles and black or red extension straps on the yellow straps. Costco, BJ's, Academy and Bradlees stores nationwide sold the safety nets from February 1999 to July 1999 for about \$150 to \$230. Other JumpSport trampoline safety net enclosures are not involved in this recall.

PROBLEM. The straps on the bottom of the net can break. Children can fall out under the net and off the trampoline and be injured.

INCIDENTS/INJURIES. JumpSport has received two reports of children falling off the trampoline when the straps on the bottom of the enclosure broke. No injuries have been reported.

WHAT TO DO. Consumers should stop using the safety nets immediately and contact JumpSport toll-free at (888) 567-5867 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday. JumpSport will send consumers free replacement bottom straps.



PRODUCT: Sewing Machines - Viking Sewing Machines Inc., of Cleveland, Ohio, is voluntarily recalling about 1,100 Husqvarna Viking sewing machines. These model #1+ sewing machines have "VIKING Husqvarna" and "#1+" written on the front of the machine. Authorized Viking dealers sold these sewing machines nationwide from January 1998 through September 1998 for about \$4,000. Consumers should check their sewing machine's serial number, located on the bottom of the machine. The machine is part of the recall if it falls within the following ranges:

Serial Number Range between 10000001 and 19999991

Serial Number Range between 20000009 and 29999999

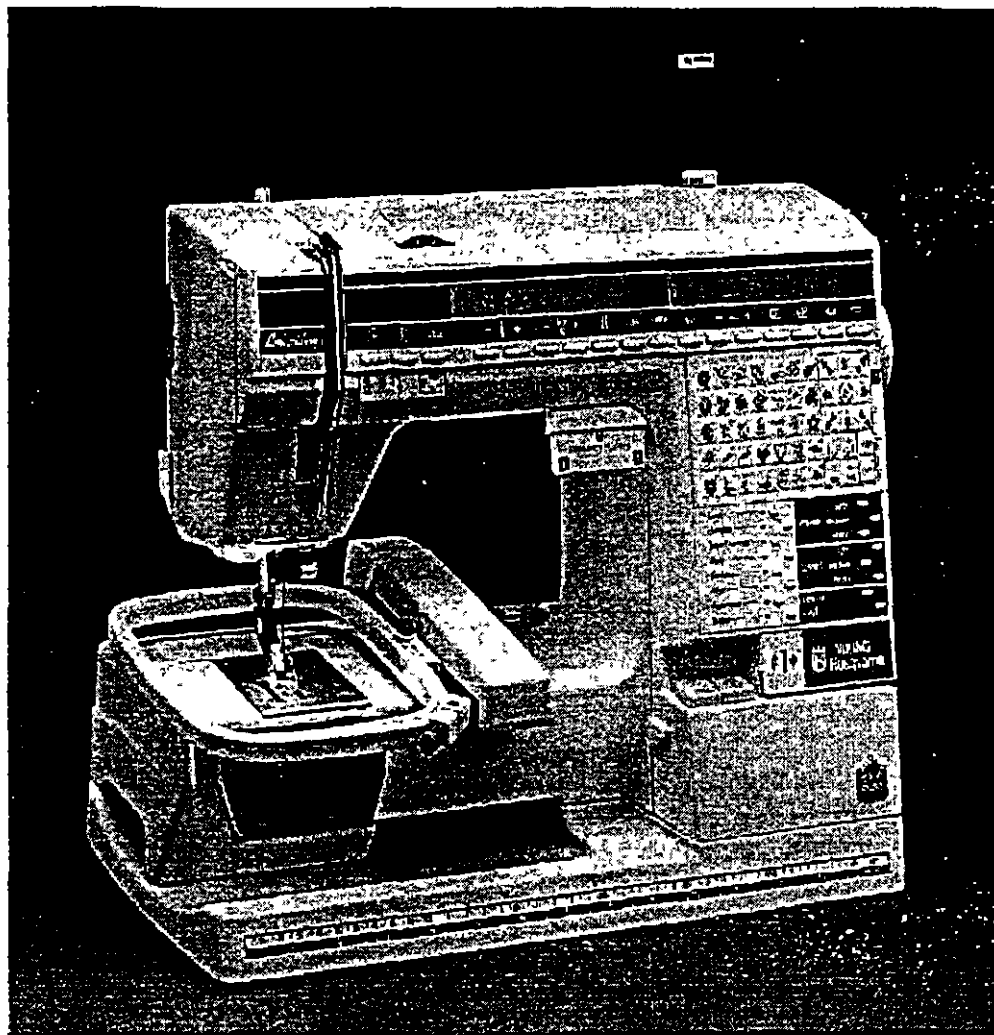
Serial Number Range between 33600003 and 33699993

Serial Number Range between 50000002 and 59999992

PROBLEM: When removing the sewing machine's power cord from the power transformer on the sewing machine, loose pins from the power transformer could remain in the cord, posing a risk of electric shock.

INCIDENTS/INJURIES: None reported

WHAT TO DO: Consumers should only unplug these machines from the wall outlet, and should not remove the power cord from the sewing machine power transformer. Consumers should call an authorized Viking dealer to arrange for a free safety inspection. If needed, the dealer will replace the defective power transformer free of charge. For additional questions, contact Viking at (800) 446-2333 between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.



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CONTACT Northern Bedroom's Inc: (888) 800-7708

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CPSC, Northern Bedroom's Inc. Announce Recall of Bunk Beds

WASHINGTON, D C - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Northern Bedroom's Inc., of Oxford, Maine, is recalling about 2,800 wooden bunk beds. The top bunk does not have guardrails on both sides. A child could fall or become entrapped between the wall and the mattress if there are not guardrails on the top bunk.

CPSC is not aware of any deaths associated with the beds being recalled. However, since 1990, CPSC has received reports of seven children who died from becoming entrapped between the bed and the wall in upper bunks of bunk beds without guardrails.

The American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) voluntary standard for bunk beds requires that bunk beds have guardrails on both sides of the top bunk. A new CPSC mandatory standard will go into effect in July 2000.

The recalled wooden bunk beds are made out of Northern White Ash and have natural, cherry, honey or golden finishes. They were sold under the model names Prestige, Spindle, and Cottage. There is no identifying information on the beds.

Furniture and specialty bedroom stores throughout the New England states sold the beds from May 1995 through February 1998 for about \$300 to \$550.

Consumers should stop using the recalled beds immediately and call the company toll-free at (888) 800-7708 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday to receive free guardrails for the top bunk.

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CPSC, Huffy Bicycle Co. Announce Recall of Men's Mountain Bicycles

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Huffy Bicycle Co., of Miamisburg, Ohio, is recalling about 18,600 men's mountain bicycles. The frames of these bicycles can break apart, causing falls and serious injuries to riders.

Huffy has received two reports of the bicycle frames breaking resulting in serious head and back injuries, as well as abrasions and contusions to riders.

The recall involves ALX 1000 bicycles with model number 26809, which are silver and blue, ALX 1500 bicycles with model number 26849, which are silver and green, and Aluminum 300 bicycles with model number K6809, which are silver and black. The model number is located on the bottom of the frame near the crank and pedals. The bicycles have "HUFFY" written on the down tube.

Discount department stores and sporting goods stores, including Kmart, Ames, The Sports Authority, Service Merchandise and TRU*SERV, sold these bicycles nationwide from June 1998 through September 1999 for about \$160.

Consumers should immediately stop riding these bicycles, and call Huffy for information on receiving a free replacement bicycle. For more information, call Huffy at (888) 366-3828 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.



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CPSC, Royce Union Bicycles Co. Inc. Announce Recall of Men's Mountain Bicycles

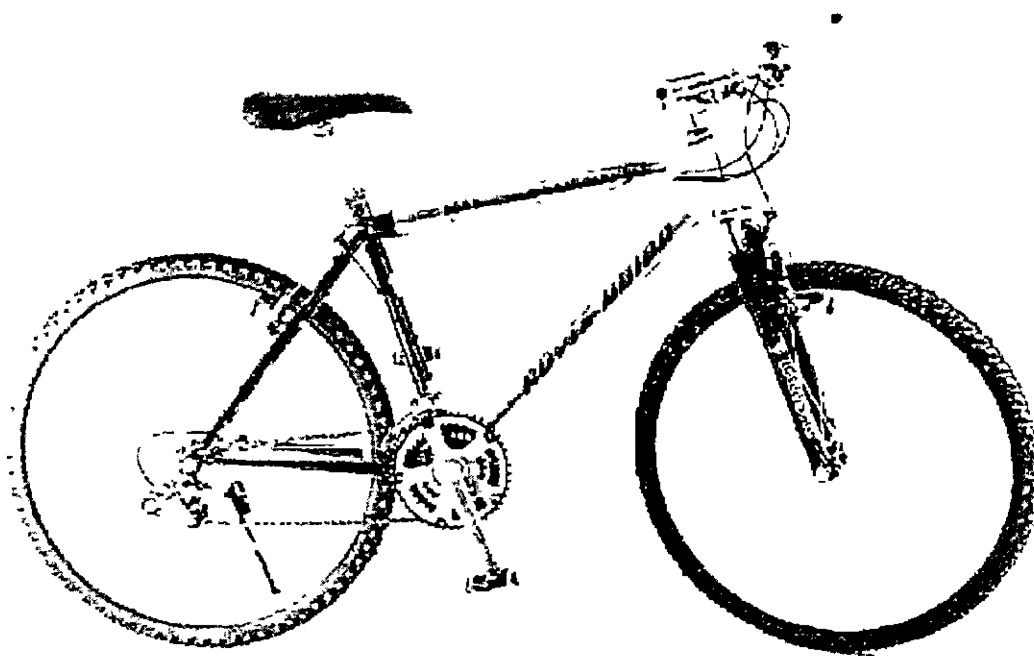
WASHINGTON, D C - In cooperation with the U S Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Royce Union Bicycles Co Inc., of Hauppauge, N Y , is recalling about 3,700 men's mountain bicycles. The frames of these bikes can break apart, causing falls and serious injuries to riders.

Royce Union has received four reports of the bicycle frames breaking resulting in serious head and back injuries, as well as abrasions and contusions to riders.

The recall involves ABT 2000 bikes with model number 16368. The model number is located on the bottom of the frame near the crank and pedals. The 26- inch bicycles are silver and red and have "Aluminum 2000" written on the top tube.

Sears stores sold these bikes nationwide from April 1998 through September 1999 for about \$300.

Consumers should immediately stop riding these bicycles, and call Royce Union for information on receiving a free replacement bicycle. For more information, call Royce Union at (888) 366-3828 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.



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NHTSA Contact - Tim Hurd (202) 366-9550
Kolcraft Contact - Kelly Dwyer (312) 240-2634

Release # 00-034

CPSC, NHTSA and Kolcraft Announce Recall of Infant Car Seats/Carriers

WASHINGTON, D C - In cooperation with the U S Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Kolcraft Enterprises of Chicago, Ill., is recalling about 754,000 infant car seat/carriers for repair. When used as an infant carrier, the handle can unexpectedly move from the intended carrying position, causing the seat to suddenly rotate. When this happens, the infant can fall to the ground and suffer serious injuries.

"Kolcraft is offering a free repair kit to address the problem," said CPSC Chairman Ann Brown. "It's an easy repair to make, and it is designed to protect your baby from a very serious injury." There have been more than 3,000 reports of handle-related problems, the majority of which report that the handle of the infant car seat/carrier unexpectedly moved from the intended use position, resulting in 42 injuries to infants. Some children were restrained in the carrier and others were not. These injuries range from a skull fracture and concussions to cuts, scrapes and bruises. "Riding in a child safety seat on the car's rear seat for every trip is the safest way to transport young children in a motor vehicle," said NHTSA Acting Administrator Rosalyn Millman. "The recall announced today is not related to how the seat performs while in a car. Parents should continue using these carriers as car seats."

The recall involves Kolcraft infant car seat/carriers with the model names Infant Rider, Secura, Travel-About, Plus 4, Plus 5, Kolcraft Infant Restraint, Kolcraft Infant Car Seat and Playskool Infant Car Seat manufactured from January 1, 1993, through June 30, 1999. The five-digit model/style number and manufacture date, written as month/day/year and possibly the model name are written on a label on the side of the seat. Some car seat/carriers also were sold with strollers.

If the first digits of the model/style numbers on your car seat/carrier match the numbers in the following list, then it is subject to this recall:

Model Style Number Series* of Affected Kolcraft Car Seat/Carriers

1312X, 1382X, 1383X, 1384X, 1385X, 368XX, 43XXX, 7700X

*There are a total of 50 Model/Style numbers affected by this recall.

Juvenile product, mass merchandise and major discount stores nationwide sold the car seat/carriers beginning in January 1993 for about \$30 to \$60 when sold alone, or \$100 to \$150 when sold with strollers.

Kolcraft will provide a free repair kit designed to make the handle more secure. The repair can be done easily in the home. Consumers should not carry the seat by the handle until it has been repaired. Consumers can continue to use the product as a car seat or in combination with the stroller. CPSC, NHTSA and Kolcraft remind parents and caregivers to always restrain infants when in the car seat/carrier according to instructions.

To receive a free repair kit or for more information, call Kolcraft toll free at (877) 776-2609, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Seats manufactured from July 1, 1999, have newly designed handle mechanisms and are not part of this recall. Also, the Kolcraft Rock N Ride is not part of this recall.

CPSC and NHTSA have cooperated in two other infant car seat/carrier recalls - Evenflo's On My Way and Cosco Inc.'s Arriva and Turnabout.

Recall Facts	
What	Kolcraft infant car seats/carriers
Why	When used as an infant carrier, the handle can unexpectedly move from the intended carrying position, causing the seat to suddenly rotate. The infant can fall to the ground and suffer serious injuries. Remedy: Kolcraft will provide, free of charge, an easy-to-install repair kit.
How many	About 754,000 manufactured from January 1, 1993, through June 30, 1999.
What to do	Check the label on the side of the product for the manufacturing date and five-digit model/style number. Contact Kolcraft toll-free at (877) 776-2609, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Until the carrier has been repaired, do not carry the seat by its handle, but by the head and foot of the seat. The seat still can and should be used as a car seat.
More information	Kolcraft: (877) 776-2609 CPSC: (800) 638-2772 or www.cpsc.gov NHTSA: (888) 327-4236 or www.nhtsa.dot.gov



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CPSC, Kelty Announce Recall to Repair Backpack Child Carriers

WASHINGTON, D C - In cooperation with the U S Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Kelty, of Boulder, Colo , is recalling for repair approximately 26,000 Kelty K I D S backpack child carriers. The seat height adjustment strap on these carriers can slip out of the buckle. A child can slide downward in the seat unexpectedly and could fall out of the carrier.

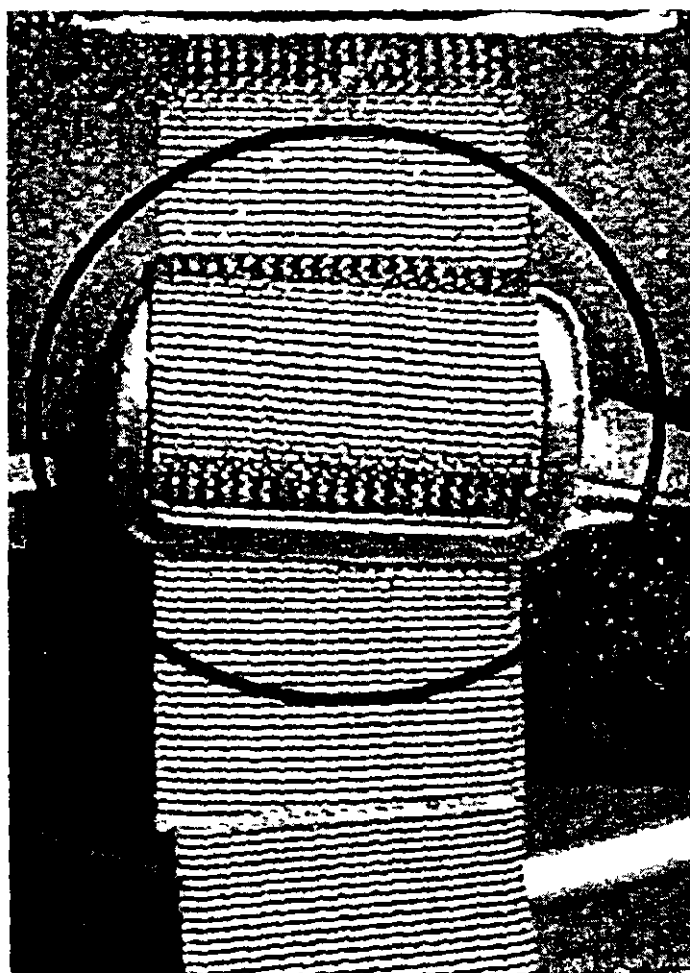
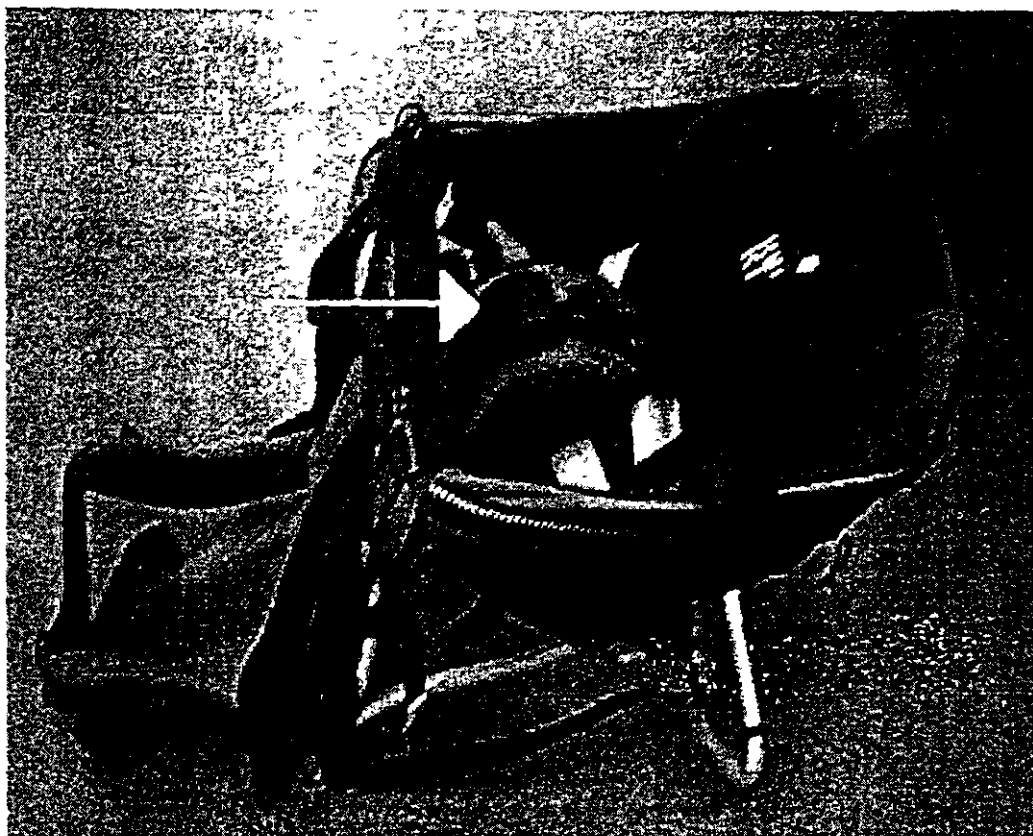
Kelty has received two reports of children slipping down inside the carriers after the height adjustment strap came loose. Neither child fell out of the carrier, and there were no reports of injury.

There are six models of these Kelty K I D S backpack carriers: Expedition, Trek, Explorer, Country, Elite and Town. The model name is written on the side of the carrier. The carriers are blue and have the Kelty K I D S logo on the back rest of the seat. Kelty also manufactured a carrier that L L Bean sold under its "L L KIDS" label and has the "Kelty" logo on the black frame hinge that connects the kickstand to the main frame.

Specialty and sporting good retailers, including L L Bean, REI and Eastern Mountain Sports, sold the recalled backpack carriers nationwide from March 1999 through December 1999 for between \$100 and \$250.

Consumers should immediately stop using these backpack carriers, and contact Kelty for instructions on getting the free repair kit. For more information, consumers should call Kelty at (800) 423-2320 between 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or go to Kelty's web site at www.kelty.com.

Kelty and L L KIDS carriers purchased prior to March 1999 have a different type of seat adjustment strap and are not included in this recall.



Seat Height Adjustment Strap

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CPSC, Burger King Corporation Announce Voluntary Recall of Pokemon Ball

WASHINGTON, D C - In cooperation with the U S Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Burger King Corporation is voluntarily recalling more than 25 million Pokemon balls included with Burger King kids meals. The balls may pose a suffocation hazard to children under three years of age. Pokemon balls are the ball-shaped plastic containers that hold Pokemon toys in Burger King kids meals. Either half of the Pokemon ball can become stuck on a child's face, covering the nose and mouth and may cause suffocation of a child under three years of age.

A 13-month-old girl reportedly suffocated when one-half of a Pokemon ball covered her nose and mouth. An 18-month-old girl reportedly also had a ball-half stuck over her face, causing her distress. However, the girl's father (on the second attempt) pulled the ball-half from her face.

The Pokemon balls are plastic ball-shaped containers between 2 3/4" and 3" in diameter. They pull apart to reveal one of 57 different Pokemon toys inside. The balls were distributed in a variety of colors including red and white, and hot pink. Packaging described them as safety tested and recommended for all ages of children.



Burger King restaurants nationwide distributed the Pokemon balls inside Burger King Kids Club Meals and regular kids meals from early November through December, 1999.

Consumers should immediately take the balls away from children under the age of three. They should discard the ball or return both halves of the ball to a Burger King restaurant for a free small order of french fries. Consumers may continue to use the Pokemon toy that came inside the ball.

Burger King restaurants will continue to distribute the Pokemon toys in balls with Burger King Big Kids Meals, but the Pokemon balls will no longer be included with the toy in the regular kids club meals, generally intended for younger children. Consumers should not allow younger children under the age of three to play with these balls.

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CPSC, Nordstrom Inc. Announce Recall of Infant and Girls' Sweatshirts

WASHINGTON, D C - In cooperation with the U S Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Nordstrom Inc , of Seattle, Wash , is recalling about 5,300 infant and girls' sweatshirts. Zipper pulls on these sweatshirts can detach from the garments, posing a choking hazard to young children.

Nordstrom is aware of one incident in which an infant choked on the zipper pull, but suffered no permanent injuries.

The recalled garments are cotton/polyester blend, long-sleeve, half-zipper sweatshirts with a heart-shaped zipper pull. They are pink or blue, and sold in infant size 6 months through big girl size 16. These sweatshirts have collar labels reading, "Baby N" or "N Kids."

Nordstrom stores nationwide sold these sweatshirts in December 1999 for between \$22 and \$28.

Consumers should stop wearing these sweatshirts immediately, and return them to any Nordstrom store for a refund. For more information, call Nordstrom at (800) 695-8000 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. any day of the week.



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CPSC, L.L. Bean Inc. Announce Recall of Children's Overalls

WASHINGTON, D C - In cooperation with the U S Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), L L Bean Inc , of Freeport, Maine, is recalling about 7,700 children's overalls. Snaps on these overalls can detach from the garments, posing a choking hazard to young children.

L L Bean has received six reports from consumers of these snaps detaching from the overalls. No injuries have been reported.

There are two styles of overalls included in this recall. The traditional blue denim overalls have a full snap crotch, a pocket on the bib, two front pockets and two back pockets. The sewn-in label reads "0DB48," the size, "made in China," and "100% Cotton." They were sold in sizes 6 months through 4T. The other style of overalls, the lined woodland overalls, are made of cotton twill lined with red check flannel. They have a full snap crotch, a front zipper, a small pocket on the left front, two pockets in the rear, and an applique of a bear and pine tree. They come in red, navy and green. The sewn-in label reads "0HS39," the size, "Made in China," and "100% Cotton." They were sold in sizes 6 months through 3T.

L L Bean sold these overalls nationwide in their catalogs and on their web site, and in L L Bean stores in Maine, New Hampshire, Delaware and Oregon from January through December 1999 for \$20 to \$26.

Consumers should immediately stop using these overalls, and return them to L L Bean for a refund. For more information, call L L Bean at (800) 555-9717 anytime or go to their web site at www.llbean.com.



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CPSC, Vermont Teddy Bear Co.® and Zany Brainy, Inc.® Announce Recall of Skateboard Keychains Sold With Teddy Bears

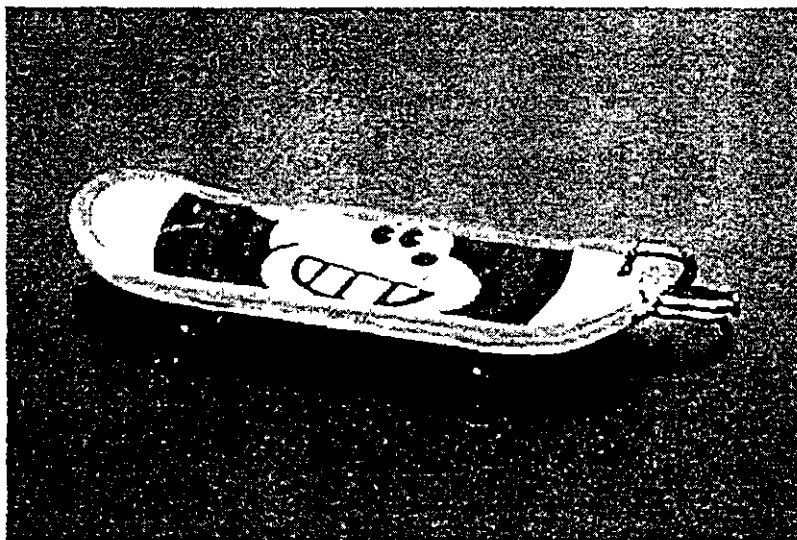
WASHINGTON, D C - In cooperation with the U S Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), The Vermont Teddy Bear Co ,® of Shelburne, Vt , and Zany Brainy, Inc ,® of King of Prussia, Pa , are recalling about 15,500 miniature skateboard keychains attached to Z Z Jamboarder teddy bears. The skateboards' wheels can come off, posing a choking hazard to young children.

The firms are aware of two reports of wheels coming off these skateboards, but no injuries have been reported.

The skateboard keychain is about 3 75 inches long with red wheels. Z Z Jamboarder is a light brown teddy bear, about 15 inches long and wears a white shirt, jeans, a purple hat and sunglasses. The shirt and skateboard have matching emblems showing a bear head inside a red circle. The skateboard keychain is attached to a loop on the right side of the bear's jeans. A sewn-in tag under the left arm of the bear reads, "Z Z Jamboarder™" and, on the back, "Limited Edition 1999."

Zany Brainy® sold the teddy bears with keychains nationwide through their stores, website and catalog from November 1999 through December 1999 for \$10 to \$13 with the purchase of \$50 of other merchandise.

Consumers should take these skateboard keychains away from young children immediately, and return them to any Zany Brainy® store to receive a Zooolennium bean-filled plush baby animal toy. Consumers also can return the teddy bear and skateboard keychain set to receive a refund. For more information, consumers can call their local Zany Brainy® store or visit the web site at www.zanybrainy.com. Consumers also can call The Vermont Teddy Bear Co ® toll-free at (877) 293-2327 between 8 30 a m and 10 p m ET Monday through Friday.



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February 29, 2000

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Mountain Bikes and Power Strips

This press release consists of two recalls. Please choose the appropriate recall below.

- **Mountain Bikes** - Dynacraft Industries Inc., of San Rafael, Calif., is voluntarily recalling about 19,000 mountain bikes. The front suspension forks on these bikes might not have been welded properly, and can break apart during use, resulting in serious injury to the rider.
- **Power Strips** - Frieder Inc., of Bedford Heights, Ohio, is recalling about 35,000 Champion Brand Tools 6-outlet power strips. The wiring in these power strips is undersized and poses shock, electrocution and fire hazards.

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Release # 00-072a

CPSC, Dynacraft Industries Inc. Announce Recall of Mountain Bikes

PRODUCT Mountain Bikes -- Dynacraft Industries Inc., of San Rafael, Calif., is voluntarily recalling about 19,000 mountain bikes. These are "Vertical XL2" mountain bikes with chrome-colored frames. The model name is written on the bike frame in yellow and black lettering. A label affixed to the frame near the crank reads "Model No 8526-26" and "99 10 11," which shows they were manufactured the week of October 11, 1999. Only bikes with this date code are part of this recall. Another nearby label reads "Dynacraft Industries," and "Made in China." Target stores nationwide sold these mountain bikes from November 1999 through February 2000 for about \$140.

PROBLEM The front suspension forks on these bikes might not have been welded properly, and can break apart during use, resulting in serious injury to the rider.

INCIDENTS Dynacraft has received eight reports of injury to riders when the front forks on these bikes broke apart. Injuries included cuts, bruises, back strain and chipped and lost teeth.

WHAT TO DO Stop riding these bikes immediately and take them to the Target store where purchased for a choice of a free replacement fork or a free replacement bike. For more information or to receive a free replacement fork by mail, call Dynacraft Industries Inc. at (800) 551-0032 between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. PT Monday through Friday.



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CPSC, Shopko Stores Inc. Announce Recall of Baby Garments

WASHINGTON, D C - In cooperation with the U S Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Shopko Stores Inc of Green Bay, Wis , is recalling approximately 9,800 Peek-A-Babe baby garments. The rose-shaped buttons on these garments can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

CPSC and Shopko Stores have received one report of a button found in a child's mouth. No injuries were reported.

These are one-piece coveralls, and two-piece, babydoll-style top and legging sets. These 100 percent cotton garments were sold in sizes 0-3M to 24M. Writing on the collar labels includes, "MADE IN CHINA" and "Peek-A-Babe."

The tops of the coveralls are made of plush, peach-colored knit fabric, with cream-colored collars and sleeve edges. The coverall tops have three cream-colored, rose-shaped buttons attached to the center front, from the neck to the waist, and are embroidered with a cream-colored rose. The bottoms of the coveralls have eight snaps at the crotch, and are printed with peach- and purple-colored roses, and peach-colored dots, on a cream-colored knit fabric.

The babydoll tops are made of plush, cream-colored knit fabric, with peach-colored collars and sleeve edges. The tops have three peach-colored, rose-shaped buttons attached to the center front, from the neck to the waist, and are decorated with six peach-colored rosettes along the front waist. Leggings sold with these tops have purple, lavender and peach stripes on a cream-colored knit fabric.

Shopko stores nationwide sold these garments from June 1999 through October 1999 for between \$8 and \$15.

Consumers should immediately stop using these garments, and return them to Shopko for a refund. For more information, call Shopko at (800) 791-7333 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday CT, or visit the Shopko website at www.shopko.com.



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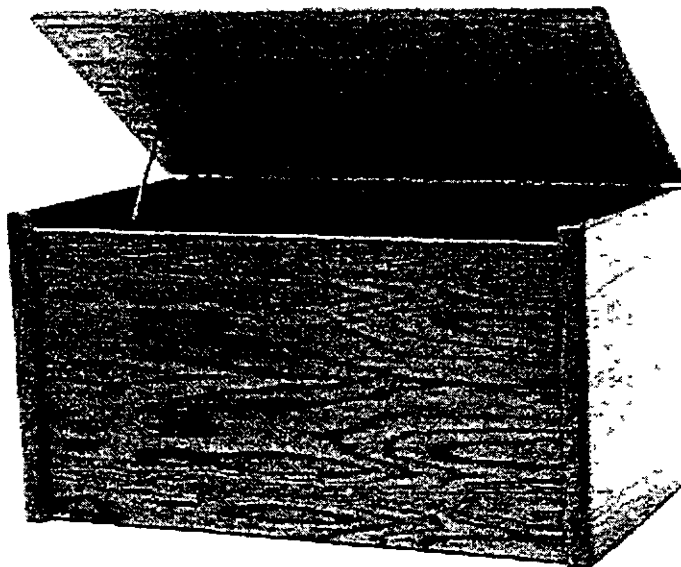
Toy Chests Recalled by Thornwood Furniture

PRODUCT: Toy Chests - Thornwood Furniture Manufacturing, of Phoenix, Ariz , is recalling about 400 toy chests for replacement. The oak toy chests have model number 841LQ or 1814LQ located on the rear panel. They measure 35-inches long, 19-inches high and 19-inches deep. A 1-inch-wide ventilation opening runs the entire length of the front of the toy chest just below the lid. The toy chests have one adjustable lid support. The Thornwood Furniture name and address are located on the product sticker located on the rear panel of the toy chest. Furniture stores nationwide, including Rooms To Go, Bedroom Superstores and MN Goldstein, sold the toy chests from January 1999 through November 1999 for about \$170.

PROBLEM: The lids on these toy chests could fall onto a child's head or neck. An investigator for the Georgia Office of Consumer Affairs discovered the problem with the toy chest while conducting retail surveillance for CPSC.

INCIDENTS/INJURIES: None reported

WHAT TO DO: Consumers should immediately stop children from using the toy chests and contact the store where purchase for information on getting a free replacement. For additional information, consumers can contact Thornwood Furniture toll-free at (877) 351-0067 between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. MT Monday through Friday, or on their web site at www.thornwood.com



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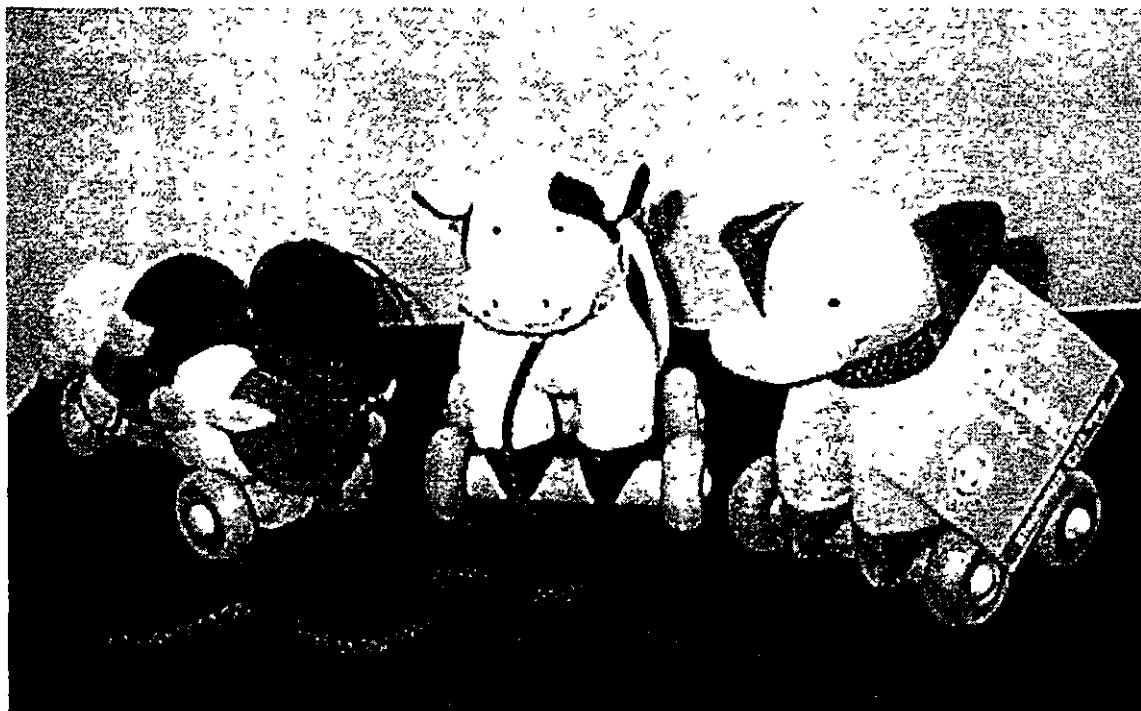
Pull Toys Recalled by Manhattan Group LLC

PRODUCT: Pull Toys - Manhattan Group LLC, of Minneapolis, Minn., is recalling about 3,400 pull toys. These toys are called Enchanted Garden Inchworm, item number EG150, Merry Meadows Cow, item number FS150; and Sunny Safari Blue Elephant, item number SS150. The item number is on the back of the hangtag near the Universal Product Code. The inchworm has two red, two blue and two yellow round fabric sections sewn together. The cow is made of white plush fabric with black spots sewn onto the white fabric. The cow has a red and white checkered bandanna tied around its neck. The elephant is light blue with royal blue fabric on the tail, feet and ears. A label on these toys reads, "Made in Thailand." Specialty stores and gift shops nationwide sold these toys from July 1999 through December 1999 for about \$20.

PROBLEM: The wooden wheels and pegs attached to the toy could come off, presenting a choking hazard to young children.

INCIDENTS/INJURIES: None reported.

WHAT TO DO: Consumers should take the toys away from young children immediately and return them to the stores where purchased for a refund or exchange for another soft toy. For more information about this recall, consumers should contact Manhattan Group at (800) 541-1345 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday.



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CPSC, Nordstrom Inc. Announce Recall of Infant and Toddler Jackets

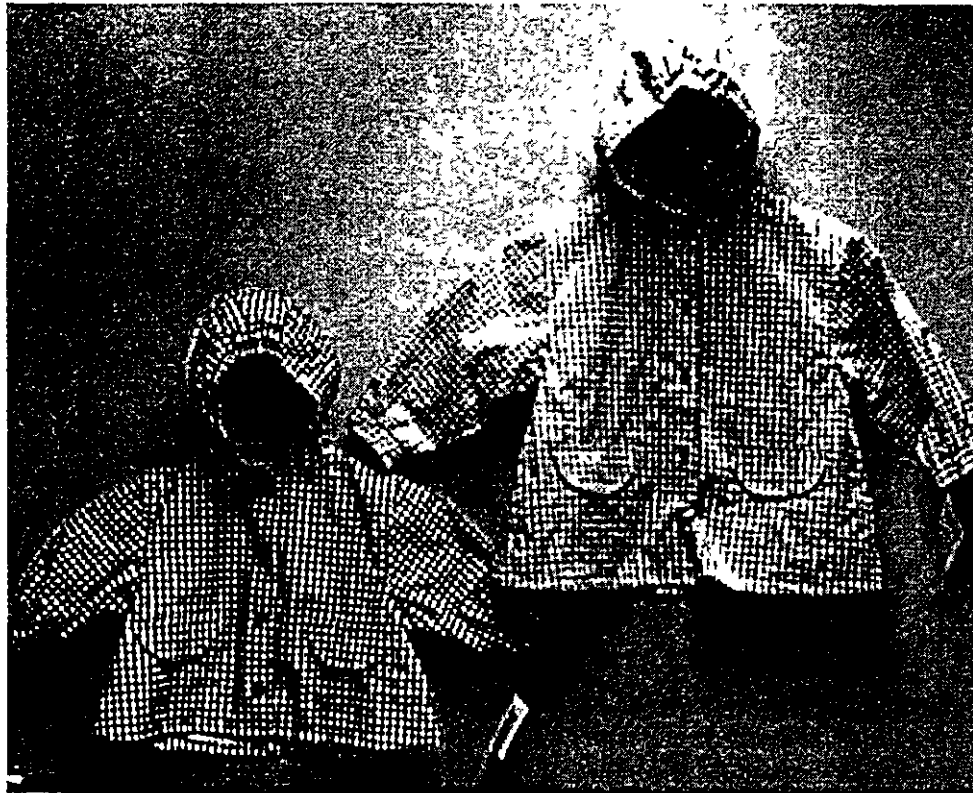
WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Nordstrom Inc., of Seattle, Wash., is recalling approximately 2,250 infant and toddler jackets. Snaps located on the flap pockets of these jackets could be removed, presenting a choking hazard to infants and young children.

Nordstrom is not aware of any injuries from these jackets. This recall is being conducted to prevent injuries.

The recalled garments were made in pink or blue gingham fabric with a hood and flap pockets. They were sold in infant sizes 6 months through 24 months and toddler sizes 2T through 4T. "Baby N" is on each collar label. The jackets were made from 100 percent cotton. The words "nowhere but nordstrom" is on each jacket's hood label.

Nordstrom stores nationwide sold these jackets during January 2000 for about \$34 to \$36.

Consumers should stop using these jackets immediately and return them to any Nordstrom store for a refund. For more information, call Nordstrom at (800) 695-8000 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. any day of the week.



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CPSC, Mountain High Hosiery Ltd. Announce Recall of Tommy Hilfiger Socks for Infants and Children

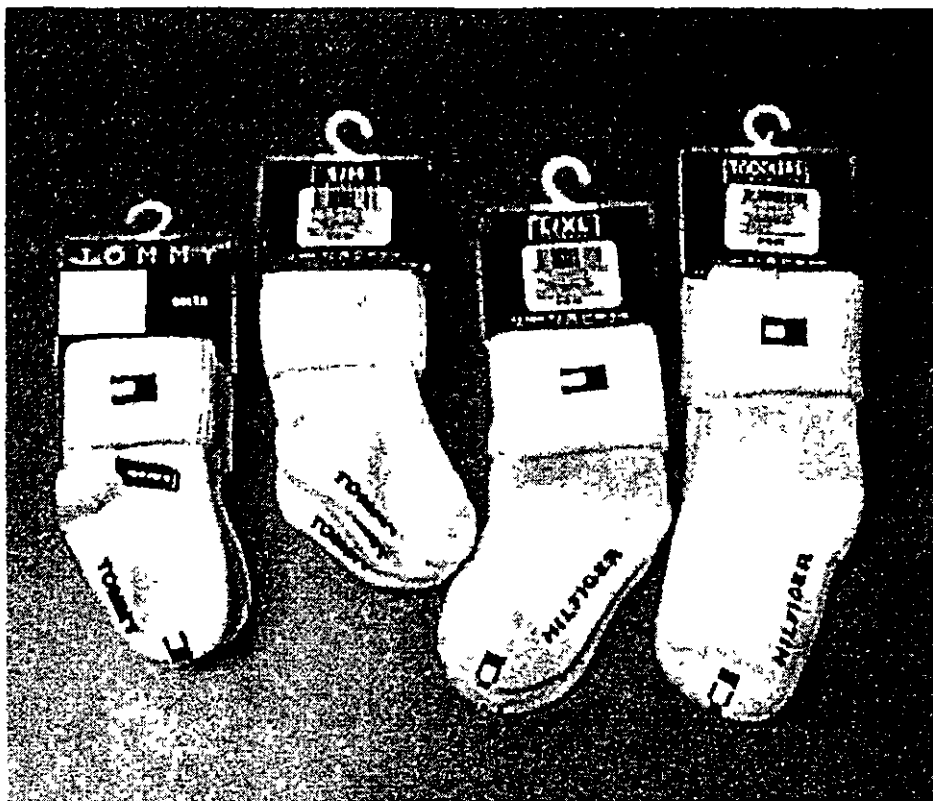
WASHINGTON, D C. - In cooperation with the U S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Mountain High Hosiery Ltd , of San Diego, Calif , is recalling approximately 360,000 pairs of Tommy Hilfiger socks for infants and children. The heat-sealed Tommy Hilfiger flag logo appliques on these socks can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

Mountain High has received three reports of the logo appliques detaching from these socks. No injuries have been reported.

The recalled socks are white and sold in sizes "S/M," for 6-12 months, "L/XL," for 12-24 months, and toddler shoe sizes 7-11. They have a red, white and blue Tommy Hilfiger flag logo applique on the side of each sock. Writing on the socks reads "TOMMY HILFIGER."

Department and specialty stores nationwide sold two-pair packages of the socks from January 1999 through January 2000 for about \$10.

Consumers should stop using these socks immediately, and call Mountain High to receive an exchange or a refund. For more information, contact Mountain High at (877) 729-4916 anytime or on their web site at www.mtnhighinc.com.



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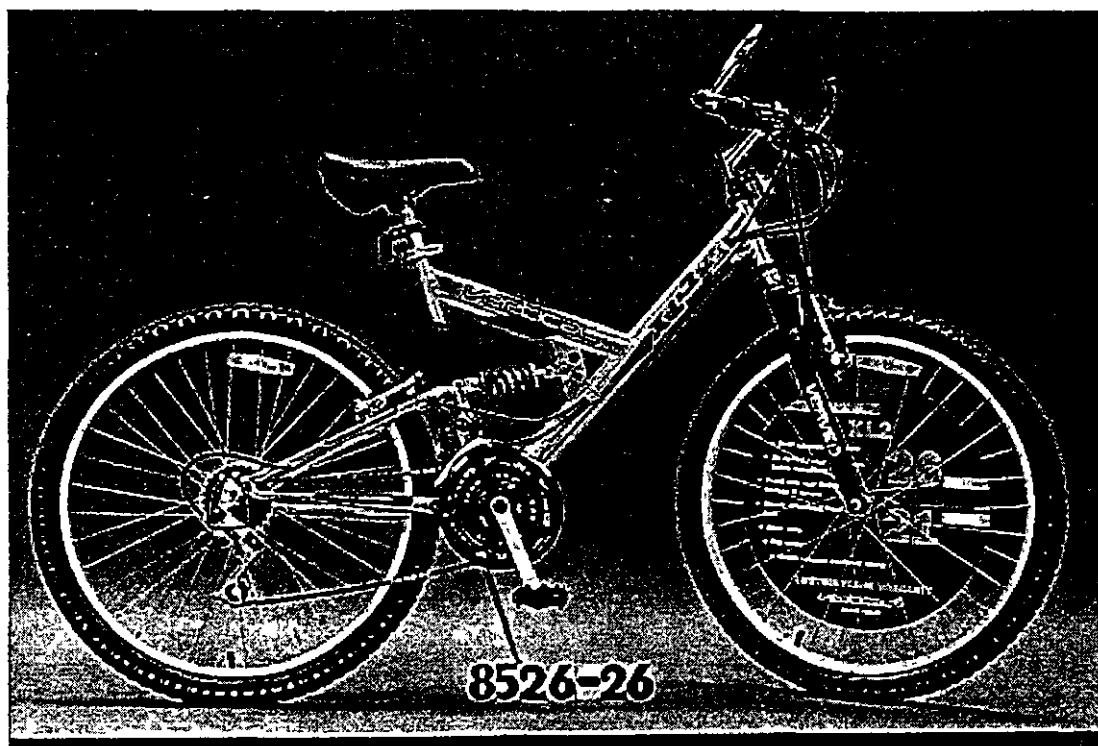
CPSC, Dynacraft Industries Inc. Announce Recall of Mountain Bikes

PRODUCT: Mountain Bikes -- Dynacraft Industries Inc., of San Rafael, Calif., is voluntarily recalling about 19,000 mountain bikes. These are "Vertical XL2" mountain bikes with chrome-colored frames. The model name is written on the bike frame in yellow and black lettering. A label affixed to the frame near the crank reads "Model No. 8526-26" and "99 10.11," which shows they were manufactured the week of October 11, 1999. Only bikes with this date code are part of this recall. Another nearby label reads "Dynacraft Industries," and "Made in China." Target stores nationwide sold these mountain bikes from November 1999 through February 2000 for about \$140.

PROBLEM: The front suspension forks on these bikes might not have been welded properly, and can break apart during use, resulting in serious injury to the rider.

INCIDENTS: Dynacraft has received eight reports of injury to riders when the front forks on these bikes broke apart. Injuries included cuts, bruises, back strain and chipped and lost teeth.

WHAT TO DO: Stop riding these bikes immediately and take them to the Target store where purchased for a choice of a free replacement fork or a free replacement bike. For more information or to receive a free replacement fork by mail, call Dynacraft Industries Inc. at (800) 551-0032 between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. PT Monday through Friday.



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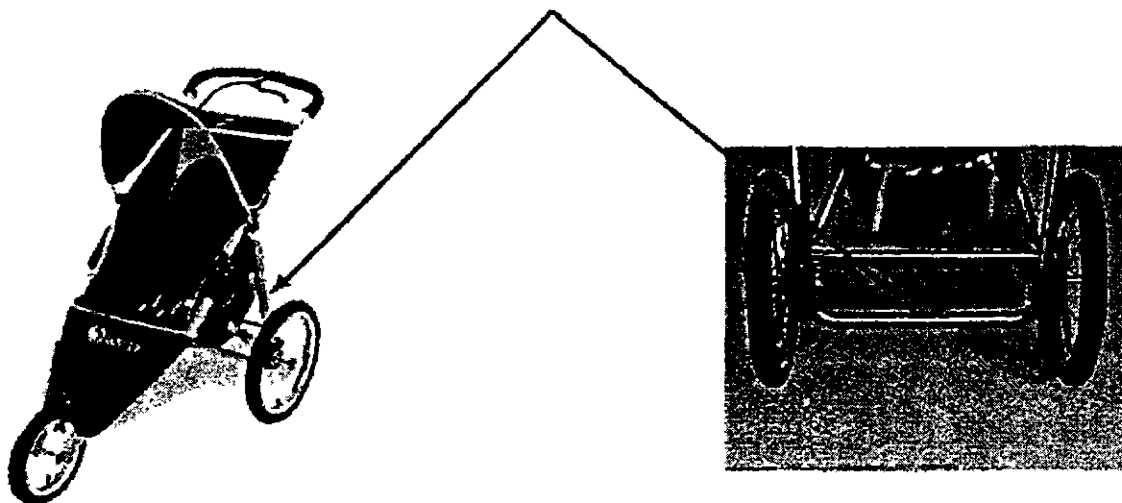
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CPSC, InSTEP™ LLC Announce Recall of Jogging Strollers

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), InSTEP LLC, of Mendota Heights, Minn., is recalling about 44,000 jogging strollers. The stroller's brake can fail, causing the stroller to unexpectedly roll away resulting in injury to a child.

InSTEP LLC has received five reports of brakes failing. No injuries have been reported.

The recall involves InSTEP and HEALTHRIDER brand single and double jogging strollers manufactured from December 1998 through July 1999 with the model numbers: ZS100, ZD200, ZS100WS, ZD200WS, ZS100HR, ZD200HR, PR100 or PR200. The manufacturing date, written as T "month" R "year" I, is located on a sticker on the lower cross tube (for example T01R99I is January 1999). "InSTEP" and the model number also are on the sticker. InSTEP model numbers ZS100, ZD200, ZS100WS, ZD200WS, PR100 and PR200 have a blue and green seat, and green canopy. "ZII" is on the top and "InSTEP" is on the front of the stroller. HEALTHRIDER model numbers ZS100HR and ZD200HR have a blue and gray seat, and blue canopy. "HEALTHRIDER" is on the top and front of the stroller.



Location of manufacturing date/model number

Burlington Coat Factory, J.C. Penney, Healthrider, The Sports Authority and Target stores nationwide, among others, sold the strollers from December 1998 through July 1999 for about \$100 for a single jogger and \$250 for a double jogger.

Consumers should stop using the strollers immediately and contact InSTEP LLC to receive a free,

easy-to-install repair kit To order the repair kit or for more information, call InSTEP LLC at (800) 242-6110 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CST Monday through Friday, or access the company's web site at www.instep.net.

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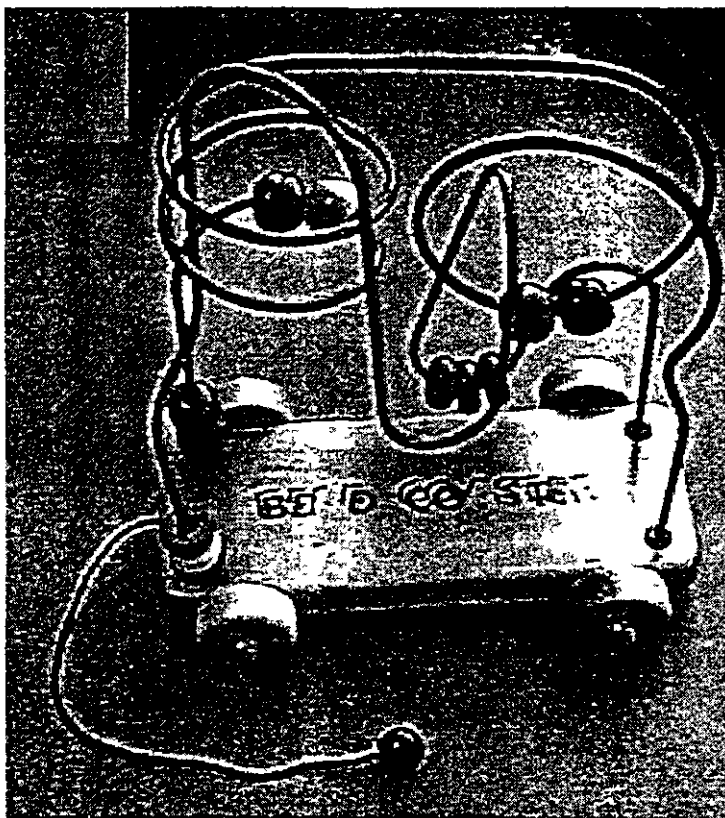
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CPSC, Maxim Enterprise Inc. and Zany Brainy Inc. Announce Recall of Wooden Pull Toy

WASHINGTON, D C - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Maxim Enterprise Inc., of Middleboro, Mass., and Zany Brainy Inc., of King of Prussia, Pa., are recalling about 4,900 wooden pull toys. The pull toy's wheels can break off and the bead can detach from the pull string, posing small parts choking hazards to young children.

The firms have received a report of wheels coming off and a report of the bead detaching from the pull string. The detached bead was found in a child's mouth. No injuries were reported.

The toy is called the Wooden Pull Along Bead Coaster, which is written on the packaging. It is a flat, wooden platform with wooden wheels, and is about 10 inches long. On top of the platform are twisting, red and blue plastic wires threaded with multi-colored beads. The red pull string that attaches to the platform has a bead at the end. "BEAD COASTER" is printed on top of the wood platform of the toy in multicolor block letters. The pull toy was part of a toy box set from the "Childhood Classics Wooden Chest & Toy Collection." The other toys in the set included wood puzzles, a pounding bench and a block set.



Zany Brainy stores nationwide sold the toy set from November 1999 through February 2000 for about \$70

Consumers should immediately take the pull toys away from children, and return them to any Zany Brainy store for a \$15 refund. For more information, contact Maxim Enterprises at (888) 266-2946 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the Zany Brainy web site at www.zanybrainy.com.

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CONTACT: Fisher-Price Recall Line: (800) 505-0600

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Fisher-Price Contact: Laurie Oravec

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CPSC, Fisher-Price Announce Recall of Infant Products

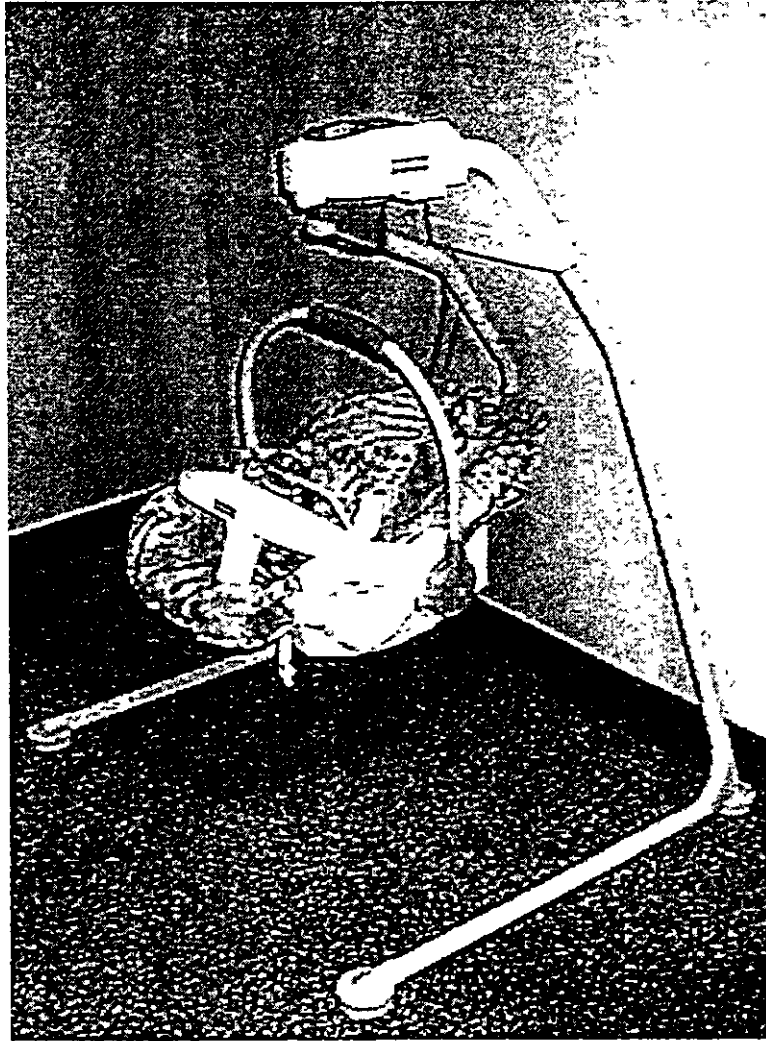
WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Fisher-Price, of East Aurora, N.Y., is voluntarily recalling two infant products. About 105,000 "3-in-1 Cradle Swings" with detachable carriers are being recalled, along with 235,000 "Bounce 'n Play Activity Domes."

Recall of 3-in-1 Cradle Swing With Detachable Carrier

The 3-in-1 Cradle Swing has a detachable seat that can be used as a carrier. When used as a carrier, the locks for the handle can unexpectedly release, causing the seat to flip forward. When this happens, infants can fall to the ground and suffer serious injuries. There have been 28 reports of the carrier's handle unexpectedly releasing when used as a carrier, resulting in injuries to 10 infants. The injuries include a skull fracture, bumps, bruises and scrapes to the head. According to the reports, some injuries occurred to infants who were restrained in the seat.

The recalled Fisher-Price 3-in-1 Cradle Swings are model numbers 79321 and 79322. The model number is on the underside of the motor housing and on the bottom of the seat. "Fisher-Price" is on the front of the motor's housing and on the bottom of the seat. Only swings with detachable carriers are included in this recall.

Mass merchandise, juvenile products and major discount stores sold the 3-in-1 Cradle Swings nationwide from March 1997 through January 1999 for about \$100.



Consumers should stop using the swing's seat as a carrier immediately. Fisher-Price will provide a free repair kit that will lock the carrier's handle in place. The repair can be done quickly and easily in the home. Consumers can continue to use the seat as intended as a cradle swing. Fisher-Price Cradle Swings that do not have a detachable carrier (model numbers 79454, 79456 and 79386) are not included in this recall.

Recall of Bounce 'n Play™ Activity Dome

The Bounce 'n Play Activity Dome is a portable play and nap space for indoor and outdoor use. The product resembles a pop up tent. It features a zippered canopy attached to a raised metal frame that suspends the play and nap surface so that it can bounce. The nylon bands that hold the surface level can detach allowing the surface to tilt. This can cause an infant to slide down against one end and be trapped in a position in which it is difficult to breathe, posing a suffocation hazard.

There have been 28 reports of the nylon band detaching and causing the play and nap surface to tilt. No injuries have been reported.

To determine if the Bounce 'n Play Activity Dome is part of the recall, check the notice tag on the bottom of the product. Model number 79534 is on the left side of the tag and a 6-character code is on the bottom of the tag. All codes that end with number 8 are included in the recall. All codes that end with number 9 and begin with numbers 001 through 286 are included in the recall. Only products with these

Model



Consumers should stop using the Bounce 'n Play Activity Dome immediately. Fisher-Price will provide a free repair kit that will strengthen the support for the play and nap surface to keep it level. The repair can be done quickly and easily in the home.

Fisher-Price Bounce 'n Play Activity Domes with a green dot on the bottom of the product (and a "quality approved" sticker on the box) have been repaired and are not recalled.

To receive free repair kits for either one or both of these infant products, or for more information, consumers should call Fisher-Price at 1-800-505-0600 anytime Monday through Friday. The free repair kits are available only through Fisher-Price. Consumers also can visit the Fisher-Price website at <http://www.fisher-price.com/us/help/cradle.asp> for 3-in-1 Cradle Swings and <http://www.fisher-price.com/us/help/cradle.asp#BounceNPlay> for Activity Domes for more information.



Consumers can also view a video clip about these two recalls. This is in "streaming video" format.

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CONTACT: Kmart Recall Line: (800) 63KMART

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CPSC, Kmart Corp. Announce Recall of Children's Lamps

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Kmart Corp., of Troy Mich., is voluntarily recalling about 280,000 children's decorative lamps. The lamps can short circuit posing a fire hazard.

Kmart has received eight reports of the lamps short circuiting and catching fire, resulting in property damage. One of these fires resulted in more than \$15,000 in damages, and another caused more than \$3,000 in damages. No injuries or deaths have been reported.

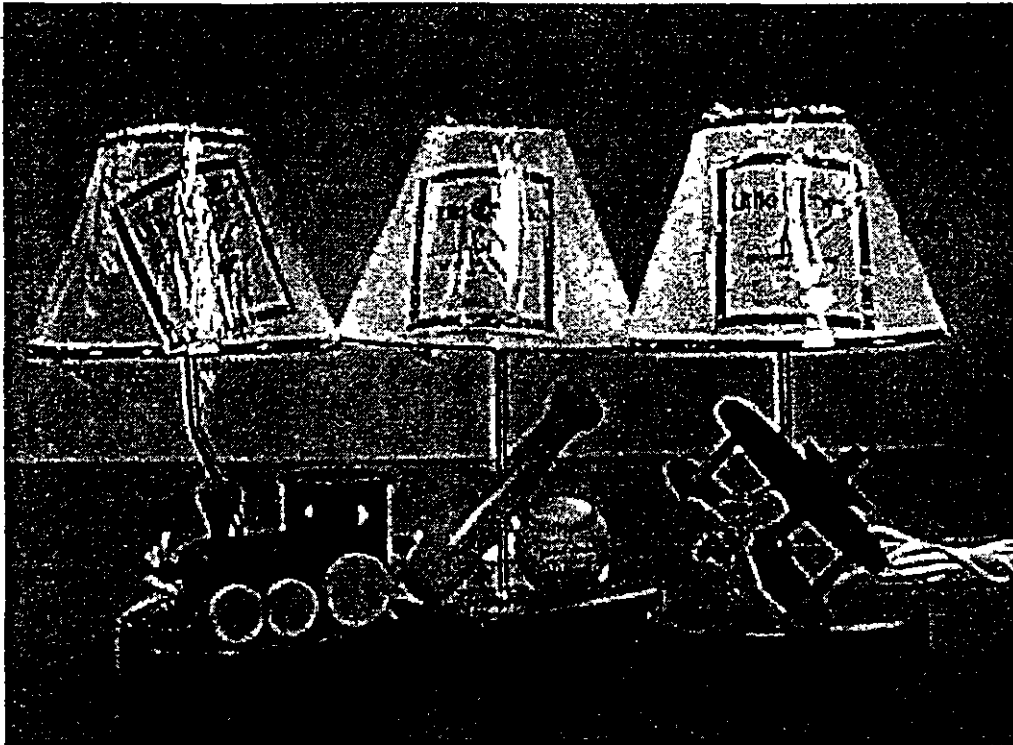
The "Little Ones" wooden accent lamps being recalled come in six different styles: an airplane lamp, alphabet letters (ABC) lamp, numbers (123) lamp, baseball with bat lamp, train lamp and sailboat lamp. The lamps are approximately 15 inches high with wood bases. A price label on the bottom of the base reads, "Made in China for Kmart Corporation." "Little Ones fun accent lamps for kids" is written on a paper insert packaged on the lampshade.

Kmart stores nationwide sold the lamps from January 1993 through March 2000 for between \$13 and \$15.

Consumers should immediately unplug the lamps and stop using them. Consumers should return the lamps to their local Kmart for a refund. For further information, contact Kmart at (800) 63KMART anytime.



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CONTACT: Graco Recall Line: (800) 934-9082

CPSC Contact Nychelle Fleming

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Graco Contact B J. Riggins

(610) 286-5951

CPSC, Graco Announce Recall of Infant Swings

WASHINGTON, D C. - In cooperation with the U S Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Graco Children's Products Inc , of Elverson, Pa , is providing new safety restraints for about 7 million infant swings made before November 1997. These new restraints will upgrade older swings. The restraint systems on the older swings consist of a waist belt only and a hinged or removable tray, which serves as a restraint. If parts are missing, the restraints are not used, or the tray pops off, infants can slip down into the seat and strangle or fall from the swing. There have been six deaths. These occurred when parts were missing or the restraints were not used and infants slid down the swings' seats and became tangled in the restraints. In five instances, the swings were second hand. Of 209 incidents, 181 were reports of infants falling from the swing. In nine of the falls, infants suffered serious injuries including bone fractures and concussions. Twenty-two infants were caught at the neck or chest.

Graco is offering a free, new safety restraint to replace the swings' old restraint systems. The safety restraint kit comes with instructions and can be installed easily. The new safety system has a buckle that assures the crotch strap is used each time the waist belt is buckled, so that infants are securely fastened into the swings.

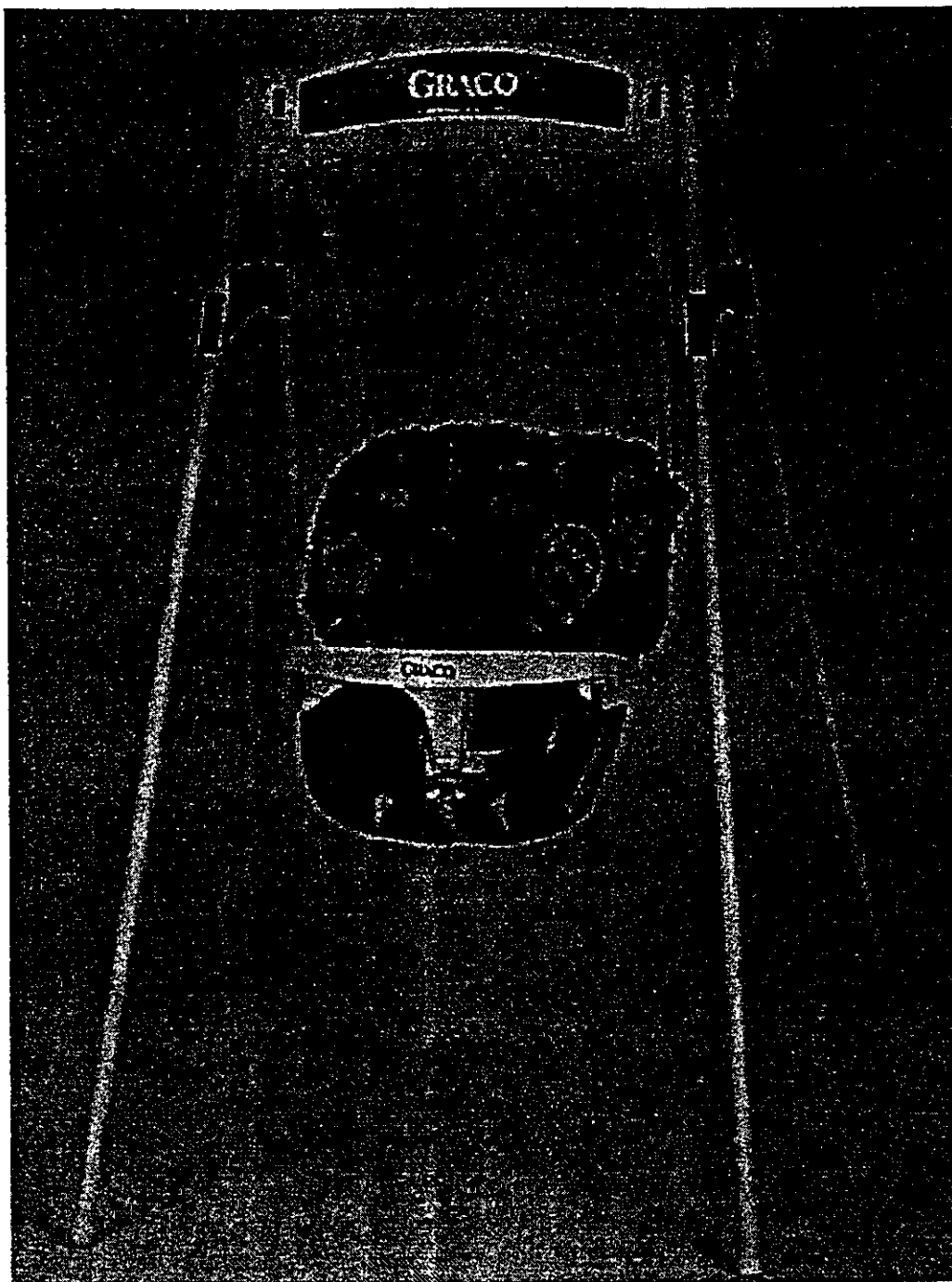
If consumers have a Graco infant swing, they should call Graco to determine if their swing needs a new safety restraint. The swings are battery-powered or wind-up, and are either the traditional A-frame or open top design. Some models have removable seats, which can be used as an infant carrier. Graco will help consumers identify swings that need new safety restraints.

Mass merchandise, juvenile products and major discount stores nationwide sold the Graco swings through approximately January 1998 for between \$70 to about \$120.

Consumers should stop using the swings immediately. To receive the free safety restraint, consumers should call Graco at (800) 934-9082 anytime. Consumers may also visit Graco's website at <http://www.gracobaby.com/serv/ga3rcal7.htm> or write to Customer Affairs, Graco Children's Products Inc , P O Box 100, Elverson, PA 19520. Consumers should have the swing in front of them when they call so that Graco can determine if the swing needs the new safety restraint.



Consumers can also view a [video clip](#) about this recall. This is in "[streaming video](#)" format.





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Infant Swings Recalled by Graco

<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml/00/00098.html>

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CONTACT: VF Playwear Recall Hotline (800) 554-7637

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VF Playwear Contact John Martin

(336) 424-1025

CPSC, Healthtex Announce Recall of Baby Garments

WASHINGTON, D C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Healthtex, a division of VF Playwear Inc., of Greensboro, N.C., is recalling about 260,000 of its baby garments. Snaps on these garments can detach, posing a choking hazard to babies.

CPSC and Healthtex have received 10 reports of snaps detaching from the baby garments. No injuries have been reported.

These garments were sold under the Healthtex® and Little Impressions® labels in sizes newborn to 24 months. There are 58 different styles included in this recall. Style numbers are located on the back of the neck tag or inside seam. Call the company to see if your garment is part of the recall. The garments were sold as one-piece and two-piece infant garments with long sleeves and full crotch snaps for boys and girls. The male portion of the snap can be identified by the name "SNAPET" stamped inside. The garments were sold in various colors and prints including pastels, stripes and plaids. Writing on the collar labels includes, "MADE IN THAILAND," and "100% Cotton."

Department stores and children's specialty stores nationwide as well as the Healthtex web site sold these clothes from May 1999 through December 1999 for between \$12 and \$30.

Consumers should stop using these baby garments immediately and return them to the store where purchased for a refund or exchange. Consumers also can return garments directly to the manufacturer. For more information, call (800) 554-7637 between the hours of 8am to 8pm Monday through Friday ET or write to VF Playwear, 310 Rockingham Drive, Reidsville, NC 27320. Consumers also can go to the company's web site at http://www.healthtex.com/Pages/shop_recall_page1.asp to see the styles and style numbers included in this recall.

Here are the style numbers involved:

AC1150W	AD0150W	EC1000M	HS3195N	HS3297Y
AC0150W	AS2225B	EC0000W	HS4299N	HS2196G
AX0150W	AS1225F	HS3199P	HS3197F	HS3298P
AC2150W	AC2226B	HS3196R	HS2299N	HS4295G
AX2150W	AS1102F	HS3296N	HS3299R	HS2296P
AH0151W	AS2100B	HS1196R	HS4297N	HS4298B
AC2225B	AD2150W	HS1199P	HS1299R	HS2298B
AT1150M	AC2100B	HS4296P	HS2198C	HS1297Y
AC1225F	AS1226F	HS4197N	HS2197N	HS1298P
AH1150W	AH2150B	HS4198C	HS1198F	HS2297N
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CPSC, Firms Announce Recall of Jogging Strollers

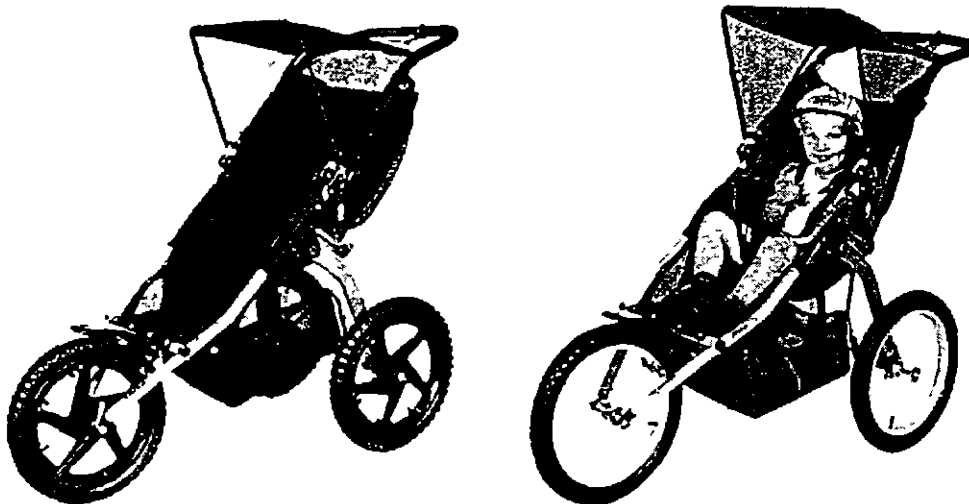
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PRODUCT: Jogging Strollers - BOB Trailers Inc., of San Luis Obispo, Calif., is voluntarily recalling about 3,700 jogging strollers. The recall involves the BOB Sport Utility Stroller and BOB Sport Utility Stroller D'lux. The strollers have three wheels and are pacific blue and black, or hunter green and black. Each stroller has a canopy. The "BOB" logo is on the stroller's frame, canopy and on the seat back. Bike, baby and outdoor product stores and web sites retailers sold the strollers nationwide from November 1998 through March 2000 for about \$280 to \$370.

PROBLEM. The stroller's front wheel connector can crack during use, causing the wheel to separate from the frame. A jogger could lose control of the stroller or the stroller could suddenly collapse resulting in injury to a child.

INCIDENTS/INJURIES BOB Trailers has received seven reports of the wheel connector cracking causing the front wheel to become loose. No injuries have been reported.

WHAT TO DO. Consumers should stop using the stroller immediately, and return it to the store where purchased for repair. Consumers also can return the strollers to BOB Trailers for repair. For more information, call (800) 893-2447 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday or access the company's website at <http://www.bobtrailers.com/safetynotice.html>. Media inquiries should be directed to Philip Novotny at (805) 541-2554 Ext 11.



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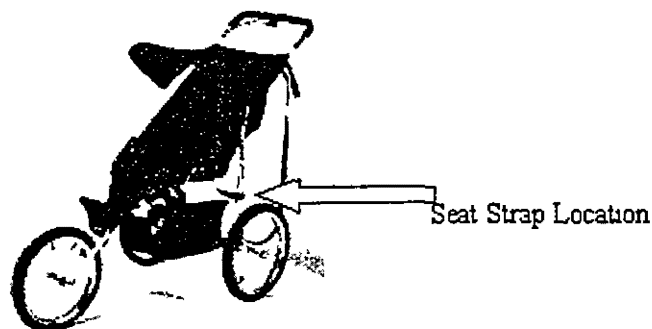
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PRODUCT. Jogging Strollers - Baby Trend Inc., of Ontario, Calif., is recalling to inspect about 1,500 "Road Runner" jogging strollers. They are aluminum, three-wheeled strollers with hand brakes. The seat and back is made from a blue canvas-type fabric. The stroller has a three-strap harness that secures the child in the seat. Two additional straps snap together and secure the back corners of the seat to the stroller frame. "Baby Trend" is written on the aluminum frame. The recalled stroller is model number 9592T. The model number is written on a label located in the center of the rear axle. Baby's "R" Us stores sold the strollers nationwide between January 1999 and April 1999 for about \$200.

PROBLEM. Strollers were shipped without straps attached to the frame to secure the seat. Unless the frame straps are attached, a child in the seat of the stroller can lean forward and fall out.

INCIDENTS/INJURIES. Baby Trend has received one report of an 8-month-old baby boy leaning forward in a stroller with unsecured seat straps, falling out of the seat and bumping his head.

WHAT TO DO. Consumers should stop using these strollers immediately and examine the stroller to determine if the seat is strapped to the stroller frame. For more information, consumers should call Baby Trend at (800) 328-7363 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. PT Monday through Friday, or write to Baby Trend Inc., 2019 S. Business Pkwy., Ontario, CA 91761. Consumers also can visit the company's web site at www.babytrend.com.



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CONTACT: Answer Recall Hotline: (800) 423-0273

CPSC Contact Yolanda Fultz-Morris

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CPSC, Answer Products Inc. Announce Recall of Bicycle Components

WASHINGTON, D C. - In cooperation with the U S Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Answer Products Inc., of Valencia, Calif , is voluntarily recalling about 17,500 BMX and mountain bicycle forks, which were sold separately and installed on bicycles. The tube that attaches the fork to the bicycle can fail, causing riders to lose control and fall.

Answer Products has received six reports of these forks failing resulting in two consumers suffering minor injuries, including cuts, bruises and chipped teeth.

These 2000 model bicycle forks have been installed on more than 30 models of bicycles and sold under Answer and Manitou brand names. Either "ANSWER" or "MANITOU" is written on the side of the fork and the model name is written on the front of the fork. The Answer BMX forks are the Carbo Pro and Mag Pro models. The Manitou mountain bike forks are Mars and X-Vert Super models. Bicycle brands that were made with these forks include Specialized, Klein, Jamis and Marin.

Bicycle stores nationwide and mail order catalogs sold these forks and bikes from August 1999 through May 2000. The forks range in price from \$245 to \$695, and the assembled bicycles with these forks range in price from \$1,200 to more than \$3,000.

Consumers should immediately stop riding the bicycles with these forks and take them to an authorized Answer Products dealer for a free inspection and repair. To determine if your bicycle's fork is part of this recall and for more information, call Answer Products Inc. at (800) 423-0273 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday.