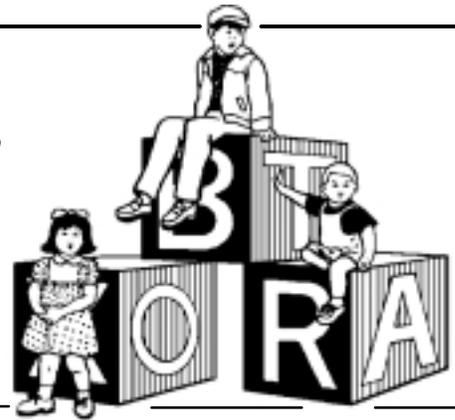


Building Blocks to Safety

A newsletter for prevention of childhood injuries.



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Protecting Children From the Sun

Sunburns hurt. Sunburns also can cause dehydration and fever. It's up to adults to take precautions to keep children safe from the sun's dangerous rays.

Babies younger than 6 months of age need extra protection from the sun because their sensitive skin is thinner than adult skin and causes them to sunburn more easily. Follow these specific sun-safety rules for children younger than age 1:

- Babies younger than 6 months should be kept out of direct sunlight. Move your baby to the shade or under a tree, an umbrella or a stroller canopy.



- Dress your baby in clothing that covers the body, such as comfortable, lightweight long pants; long-sleeved shirts; and hats with brims that shade the face and cover the ears.
- If your baby gets a sunburn and is younger than age 1, contact your pediatrician at once. A severe sunburn is an emergency.
- For babies older than 6 months of age, choose a sunscreen made for children.

The following sun-safety tips apply to all ages:

- The sun's rays are the strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Try to stay out of the sun during these hours.
- The sun's damaging UV rays can bounce back from sand, snow or concrete; be particularly careful in these areas.
- Most of the sun's rays can come through the clouds on an overcast day; use sun protection even on cloudy days.
- When choosing a sunscreen, look for the words "broad-spectrum" on the label. This means that the sunscreen will screen out both ultraviolet B (UVB) and ultraviolet A (UVA) rays.
- Choose a water-resistant or waterproof sunscreen. Sunscreens that are "waterproof" should be reapplied every two hours, especially if a child is playing in the water.
- Use a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15.
- Apply sunscreen 30 minutes before going outdoors — it needs time to work on the skin.

Lead–Wick Candles Banned

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) plans to ban manufacturers from making candles with lead wicks. CPSC has determined that candles that contain lead wicks could present a lead poisoning hazard to young children.

CPSC found that burning a candle with a lead wick four hours each day for 15 to 30 days could result in blood lead levels above the 10 micrograms per deciliter considered a health concern for children.

Lead poisoning in children is associated with behavioral problems, learning disabilities, hearing problems and growth retardation. Because lead accumulates in the body, even exposure to small amounts of lead can contribute to the overall level of lead in the blood.

Many candles are made with metal wicks; however, it is not possible for consumers to tell if the wicks of the candles they are using contain lead. CPSC analysis shows that metal wicks, some of which could contain lead, are most likely to be used in container, pillar, votive and tealight candles. Tapers, commonly used as dinner candles, use cotton wicks and do not contain lead.

To check a candle in your home, look at the top of the wick. If there is metal, you will see it in the center of the wick. If you have young children, do not burn candles with metal wicks.

Retailers who currently are **not** selling candles with lead wicks include:

Pier 1 Imports
Gap
Wal-Mart
Michaels Stores
Winn-Dixie
Frank's Nursery & Crafts
Ahold/USA, parent of Stop & Shop,
Giant, Tops and Peapod
Blyth, part of PartyLite
Bullfrog Light Company
Atlanta Candle Factory
Mom's Kitchen Candles

Consumers should ask stores whether their candles contain lead-free wicks.



Barbie™ Sunglasses Recalled

IMT Accessories is recalling about 70,000 Barbie™ Sunglasses. The frames of the sunglasses can break, allowing the petroleum distillate and floating glitter to leak out. Petroleum distillates could be harmful to children's eyes and skin and could be fatal if ingested.

The lenses of the recalled sunglasses are tinted pink, and the temples contain floating glitter. The words "Barbie™" and "Mattel®" are printed on the left side of the earpieces and "China" is printed on the right.

The sunglasses were sold nationwide at Target, Walgreen's and Bradlee's from June 1999 through August 2000. Consumers should stop children from wearing the sunglasses immediately and return the sunglasses to the store where purchased for a full refund.

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Evenflo Infant Car Seats Recalled

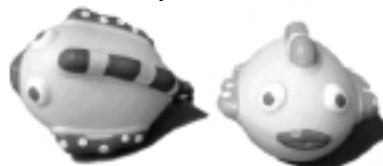
In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Evenflo Co. Inc. is recalling about 3.4 million Joyride infant car seats/carriers. When the seat is used as an infant carrier, the handle can release unexpectedly, causing the seat to flip forward. When this happens, an infant inside the carrier can fall to the ground.

The recall involves all Evenflo Joyride car seats/carriers, which are white or gray plastic with seat pads of various colors and patterns. The recalled seats have model numbers beginning with 203, 205, 210, 435 or 493; the model number can be found on a label underneath or on the side of each car seat/carrier.

The seats were sold from January 1988 through December 1998. Evenflo will provide consumers with free, easy-to-install repair kits that help secure the handles. Consumers should not carry the seats by the handles until repairs have been made. To receive a free repair kit, call Evenflo at 800.557.3178 or visit the website at <http://www.joyridecarseat.com>. Consumers should refer to their car seat when they call or access the website.

Bath Toys Recalled for Replacement

Sassy Inc. is replacing about 370,000 squirting fish in the Scoop Pour 'N Squirt and Bath Time Pals bath toys. The fish's size, texture, shape and easy compressibility make it possible for an infant to compress the toy and place it into his or her mouth. If the toy reaches the back of the mouth and expands, it may block the child's airway.



The Scoop Pour 'N Squirt bath toy set has a large, colorful, plastic, fish-shaped scoop with a green textured handle and a spout for pouring water. This set comes with two small plastic squirting fish. The Bath Time Pals bath toy set comes with one squirting frog, two squirting pearls and two squirting fish.

Mass merchandise stores and toy stores sold these toys nationwide from February 1999 to December 2000. Consumers immediately take these squirting fish away from young children and discard them. For additional information or to receive replacement squirt toys, contact Sassy at 800.764.8323.

Cribs Recalled for Repair

Simmons Juvenile Products is recalling more than 68,000 cribs for repair. Bracket hooks used to position the height of the mattress can break, causing the mattress to collapse. Babies can become trapped and suffocate as a result.



Discount, mass merchandise, juvenile product and department stores, including Sears, sold the cribs nationwide from January 1998 through December 2000. Most of the cribs were made in 1998; however, those sold at Sears were made in 1998, 1999 and 2000. The cribs were sold under the name "Little Folk." The word "Simmons" and the year of manufacturer are printed on a label attached to the crib's headboard. (The year is the two-digit number following the model number.) The cribs are constructed of maple or ash and are painted or stained in more than a dozen different colors, including natural, golden and white. The word "Simmons" is printed on the top rail. Simmons will help consumers determine if their cribs are recalled.

Consumers should stop using these recalled cribs immediately and contact Simmons to receive free replacement brackets by overnight mail. Consumers can contact Simmons anytime at 800.421.2951.

Dynacraft Recalls Boys' Mountain Bikes

Dynacraft Industries is recalling about 38,000 boys' mountain bicycles. The front-suspension forks on these bicycles can break during use, resulting in serious injury.

The 20-inch, 21-speed, dual-suspension bicycles have the model name "NEXT SHOCKZONE" printed in black lettering on the orange frame. A label on the frame near the crank housing reads: "Distributed by Dynacraft Industries" and "Made in China." Only the orange bicycles with model number 8536-33 are included in this recall. The model number is written on a second label on the frame near the crank housing.

Wal-Mart stores sold these bicycles nationwide from September 1999 through March 2001. Consumers should stop using these bicycles immediately and call Dynacraft at 800.551.0032 to receive a free replacement fork and to arrange for free installation.



Graco Highchair Recalled

Graco Children's Product Inc. is recalling about 860,000 highchairs. The chair's legs can come out, causing the chair to fall to the ground. Children can suffer serious injuries from the fall.

Highchair model and serial numbers are located on a sticker beneath the seat. The model numbers of the recalled highchairs contain "3170", "36051" or "74001"; the first six figures of the serial number indicate the

date of manufacture. Manufactured from Jan. 1, 1995, through Dec. 8, 1997, the recalled highchairs have white seats and white metal legs, with "Graco" printed on the front of the trays.

Mass merchandise, juvenile products and discount department stores nationwide sold these highchairs. Consumers should stop using the highchairs immediately and call Graco at 800.617.7447 for free repair kits.

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