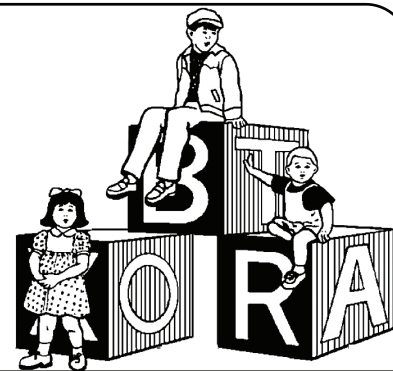


Building Blocks to Safety

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Campaign To Keep Dangerous Recalled Products Out of Resale Stores and Off the Internet

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) announced in August 2009 its [Top Ten List of Recalled Children's Products](#) as part of the agency's "Resale Round-up" campaign. CPSC's goal is to protect consumers by getting dangerous recalled products out of resale stores and off the Internet. Reselling recalled products is a violation of federal law.

Before reselling products, CPSC encourages resellers to check its website, www.cpsc.gov, to determine if the product has been recalled.

"Those who resell recalled children's products are not only breaking the law, they are putting children's lives at risk," said CPSC Chairman Inez Tenenbaum. "Resale stores should make safety their business and check for recalled products and hazards to children."

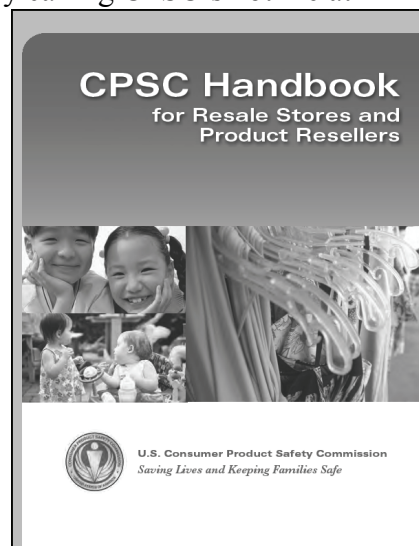
A CPSC study conducted in 1999 found that nearly 70 percent of resale stores sold at least one recalled or otherwise hazardous product.

CPSC is partnering with the National Association of Resale & Thrift Shops, the Salvation Army, state agencies, and others to alert resellers about recalled products, product hazards including cribs that do not meet current safety standards, drawstrings in children's clothing, and the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act.

"The agency's education campaign, which will include safety seminars for resale store owners and employees, is part of CPSC's commitment to protecting consumers, especially children," Tenenbaum said.

CPSC's Internet surveillance team is monitoring online retailers and auction sites for sales of recalled and hazardous products. Resellers are reminded that they must comply with the federal law that will be enforced for in-store and online sales.

CPSC has released a new "Handbook for Resale Stores and Product Resellers" to help resellers comply with the law. It can be found at www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/pubs/thrift/thrguid.pdf or can be ordered by calling CPSC's hotline at 800.638.2772.



The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and the following firms are recalling the products named below.

Simplicity Cribs



Product: 400,000 Simplicity Drop Side Cribs

Hazard: The crib's plastic hardware can break or deform, causing the drop side to detach. Children can become entrapped between the drop side and the crib mattress.

Incidents/Injuries: CPSC is aware of one death involving an

8-month-old child and 25 incidents involving the drop side detaching from the crib.

Description: The cribs were sold at department stores, children's stores and mass merchandisers nationwide from January 2005 through June 2009. The recall involves cribs with the following model numbers: 8050, 8325, 8620, 8745, 8748, 8755, 8756, 8765, 8778, 8810, 8994, 8995 and 8996.

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the recalled cribs immediately and find an alternative, safe sleeping environment for their baby. Consumers should return the crib to the place of purchase for a refund, replacement or store credit.

Kolcraft Play Yards

Product: 1 million Play Yards

Hazard: The play yard's side rail can fail to latch properly, and when a child pushes against the rail, it can unlatch unexpectedly, posing a fall hazard to children.

Incidents/Injuries: Kolcraft has received 347 reports of sides of the play yard collapsing unexpectedly, resulting in 21 injuries to young children.

Description: The play yards were sold at Babies R Us, Wal-Mart, Kmart, Sears, Target and other stores nationwide and by Internet retailers from January 2000 through January 2009.

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the play yard immediately and call Kolcraft to determine if it is recalled. If the product is recalled, a repair kit will be sent to repair the product. For more information, call Kolcraft at 866.594.4208 or visit the website at www.kolcraft.com.

Little Tikes Swing Set

Product: 2,000 Little Tikes Clubhouse Swing Set

Hazard: The swing sets do not come with assembly directions for the swing seat harness, and the consumer needs to assemble it. If not assembled correctly, children could fall and get injured while using the swing.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported to date.

Description: The swing set was sold at Toys R Us and Wal-Mart from October 2008 through March 2009. The swing set is a plastic molded product that has a climbing wall, rope ladder, slide and two swings. The model numbers are 400V and 612398.

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the swing set until they have obtained the instructions and correctly assembled the swing harness. Consumers can obtain the instructions by calling Little Tikes toll free at 800.321.0183 or visiting its website at www.littletikes.com.



Visit the following websites for more information about product safety and injury prevention:

www.cpsc.gov

www.ndhealth.gov

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Circo Boosters

Product: 43,000 Circo booster seats

Hazard: The booster seat restraint buckle can open unexpectedly, allowing a child to fall from the chair and be injured.

Incidents/Injuries: Target Stores has received eight reports about the booster seat buckles opening unexpectedly.

Description: The booster was sold exclusively at Target stores nationwide from December 2008 through June 2009. The boosters involved with this recall include seats with manufacture date codes (on the bottom of the seat): XJ0811, XJ0812, XJ0901, and XJ0902.

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the seat and return the item to the nearest Target store for a full refund. For more information, contact Target at 800.440.0680.



Burley Child Trailers

Product: 2,700 d'Lite ST and Solo ST Child Trailers 2009

Hazard: The axle assembly's internal sleeve can loosen, causing one wheel to separate from the trailer. This poses a risk of injury to the child occupant or the bike rider.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported to date.

Description: The product was sold at independent bicycle retailers and specialty outdoor retailers nationwide and on various websites from November 2008 through June 2009. Serial numbers that

begin with D939 or D948 are included in the recall. The serial number is located in the rear cargo area behind the seat.

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the trailer and contact Burley at 800.311.5294 for a free repair kit or to locate a retailer to assist with the free repair.



Little Tikes Workshops and Trucks

Product: 1.6 Million Little Tikes Workshop Sets and Trucks

Hazard: The recalled workshop sets and trucks have oversized, plastic toy nails that can pose a choking hazard to young children.

Incidents/Injuries: The firm has received one report of an 11-month-old boy who choked when the toy nail became forcefully lodged in his throat.

Description: Various websites and mass merchandise retailers nationwide sold the products from March 1994 through June 2009. The product model numbers included in this recall are 0914, 0920/612237, 4146, 440Z and 4028.

Remedy: Consumers should place the toy nails out of the reach of children and contact the company for free replacement toy nails. Consumers can call Little Tikes at 800.791.2737 for free replacements.



Safety 1st Stair Gates

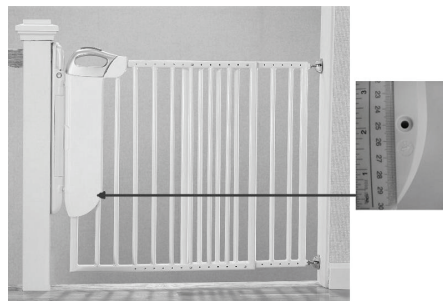
Product: 31,500 Safety 1st Smartlight Stair Gates

Hazard: The hinges that hold the stair gate in place can break, posing a fall hazard to children if the gate is placed at the top of the stairs.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported to date.

Description: The gates were sold at mass merchandise and juvenile product stores nationwide from January 2005 through July 2009. The model number of the recalled product is 42111 and is found printed on a sticker under the handle panel.

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the recalled gate until the gate is repaired. Contact Dorel Juvenile Group at 866.690.2540 to receive a repair kit.



Simplicity Bassinets

Product: 900,000 Simplicity Bassinets (includes those with the Graco logo and Winnie the Pooh motifs)

Hazard: The bassinet poses a strangulation hazard between the lower bassinet bar and the mattress pad.

Incidents/Injuries: Four infants have died in the bassinets since 2008.

Description: The recall involves all Simplicity bassinets manufactured prior to May 2008. It involves the Simplicity 3-in-1 and 4-in-1 convertible bassinets, including bassinets with the Graco logo and Winnie the Pooh motif licensed by Disney Consumer Products.

Remedy: Do not use this product – destroy it. Simplicity Inc. is no longer in business.



Baby Jogger Strollers

Product: 41,000 Baby Jogger City Mini Strollers

Hazard: The stroller's restraint buckle could break or unlatch, allowing the child or infant to fall out.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported to date.

Description: This product was sold at juvenile products stores, mass merchandisers and department stores nationwide and on various websites from November 2007 through July 2009. The products involved with this recall have the following item numbers: 67100, 67102, 67103, 67104, 67105, 67109, 67170, 67172, 67173, 67174, 67175 and 67179.

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the recalled strollers and contact Baby Jogger at 877.506.2213 for a free replacement restraint buckle and installation instructions.

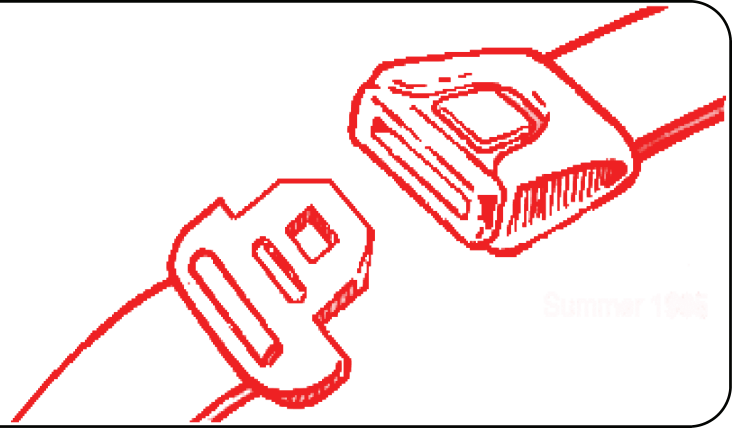


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The Buckle Update



Car Seat Misuse in North Dakota

Eighty-four percent of car seats inspected at checkups in North Dakota in 2008 were used incorrectly. That is five out of every six car seats.

Car seat checkups are events that parents and caregivers attend for assistance in installing and using their car seats correctly. The seat checks are done by certified child passenger safety technicians who completed at least 32 hours of training to be certified. The car seats are assessed to see if they are appropriate for the child riding in them, if they are in good condition with no recalls, if they are installed in the vehicle correctly and if the child is secured correctly in the restraint.

The results of the 2008 checkups are available in a new report from the North Dakota Department of Health. Highlights of the report include:

Data was entered on 1,340 checkup forms.

- 36 percent were infant seats; 14 percent were rear-facing convertible seats; 33 percent were forward-facing seats, 15 percent were boosters and 3 percent were seat belts.
- 83.7 percent of the car seats checked had at least one error in use.
- 10 percent of the car seats or seat belts were not appropriate for the age, weight or height of the child riding in them.

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Car Seat Misuse in North Dakota (continued)

- 65.1 percent of the children riding in the car seats or using seat belts were incorrectly secured in them. Most common errors included loose harnesses, retainer clips positioned incorrectly and harness straps in wrong slots.
- 63.2 percent of the installed car seats were installed wrong. Most common errors included loose installations, incorrect use of the LATCH system, recline incorrect and use of wrong belt path.

The high rates of car seat misuse have triggered a new campaign sponsored by the North Dakota Department of Health and North Dakota Department of Transportation to remind parents and caregivers to read the instructions for their car seats and to review the vehicle owner's manual. "Unfortunately, car seat installation and use can be confusing and complicated," said Dawn Mayer, Child Passenger Safety Program director for the North Dakota Department of Health.

The car seat instructions contain warnings and important information about weight and height limits, how to adjust harness straps, correct handle positions, and installation techniques. The vehicle owner's manuals discuss seat belt and LATCH systems, use of locking clips and location of front and side air bags.

Boost, Then Buckle

When can children stop using their booster seats and move to seat belts?

Parents have heard a variety of answers to this common question, including age 8, 80 pounds, or 4 feet 9 inches tall. To add to the confusion, North Dakota law allows seat belt use by children at 7 years of age.

While it would be nice to have a magic age, weight or height at which all children can safely use a seat belt, the only true measure is to do an assessment of seat belt fit on the child in a specific vehicle. In other words, the child may be able to use a seat belt in one vehicle, but would require a booster seat in another.

Factors that influence seat belt fit include the child's seated height, the depth of the vehicle seat and the location of the shoulder belt anchors.

Parents and caregivers should try this five-step test to see if their child should use a booster seat or seat belt:

1. Have the child sit all the way back against the vehicle seat.
2. Do the knees bend at the edge of the vehicle seat?
3. Is the lap belt low on the hips, touching the thighs?
4. Is the shoulder belt centered on the shoulder and chest?
5. Can the child ride like this for the entire trip?

If the answer to any of the questions is no, the child should ride in a booster seat.

There are two types of booster seats – backless and high-back. Both require the use of a lap and shoulder belt. Never use a lap belt only with a booster seat. Some booster seats come with adjustable shoulder belt guides to help with proper fit. High-back boosters should be used if the vehicle has no head restraint for whiplash protection.

Child Passenger Safety Week

Governor John Hoeven proclaimed September 12 through 18 as Child Passenger Safety Week in North Dakota. Nationally, this week is set aside to bring public attention to the importance of properly securing all children in appropriate child safety seats, booster seats or seat belts – every trip, every time. Child safety seats and booster seats save lives and offer the best protection for children in the event of a crash.



BOOST, THEN BUCKLE

The campaign encourages parents to participate in car safety seat checkups, where certified child passenger safety technicians educate and assist parents and caregivers with correct use and installation of their safety seats. Throughout North Dakota, car seat checkups are offered in many communities on a monthly basis or several times a year. For a list of car seat checkups, visit the North Dakota Department of Health website at www.ndhealth.gov/injury.

