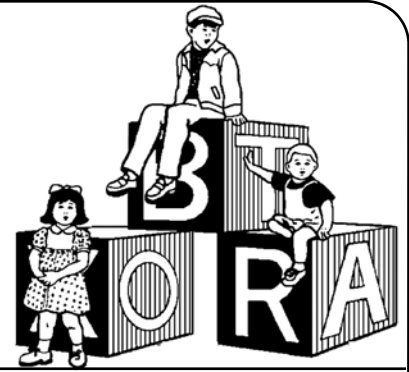


Building Blocks to Safety

*A newsletter for prevention of
childhood injuries*



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2010 Injury Prevention and Control Conference

Mark your calendars for the North Dakota Department of Health's "Preventing and Responding to Injuries" Conference October 27 and 28 at the Best Western Seven Seas Hotel and Waterpark in Mandan, N.D. The purpose of the conference is to encourage professionals to develop a multi-faceted approach to promoting awareness, prevention and intervention of both intentional and unintentional injuries in North Dakota.

The conference will feature several well known speakers from across the country. Keynote speakers include:

- **Sally Fogerty** -- executive director, Children's Safety Network
- **Alan Berkowitz** -- author and bystander intervention expert

- **Scott Putz** -- U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
- **Lorrie Walker** -- training manager, Safe Kids Worldwide
- **Dr. Stephen T. Russell** -- distinguished professor experienced in working with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and questioning (LGBTIQ) youth
- **Scott Wild** -- Internet strategy consultant

Several breakout sessions will feature presentations about traffic safety, domestic and sexual violence, general injury prevention, suicide prevention, and child passenger safety. For more information, call 701.328.4536 or visit the conference website at www.ndhealth.gov/injury/Conference2010.htm.

Giraffe Blankets Recalled

Product: Rashti & Rashti and the CPSC are recalling 44,000 giraffe security blankets.

Hazard: The balls on top of the giraffe's horns can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported

Description: The recall involves the pink "I Love You" security blanket with a giraffe plush head. "I Love You" is embroidered on the blanket. Style number Y22230H and "Just One

Year a division of Carter's" are sewn into a label on the blanket.

Remedy: Target stores sold this product from January 2009 through August 2009. Consumers should stop using this product and contact Rashti & Rashti for a full refund.



The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and the following firms are recalling the products in this newsletter.

Portable Playards Recalled

Product: 20,000 Cozy Indoor Outdoor Portable Playard Tents Plus Cabana Kits sold by Tots in Mind Inc.



Hazard: Clips that attach the tent to the top of the playard can break or be removed by a child. A child can lift the tent and become entrapped at the neck between the rigid frame and base of the tent, posing a strangulation hazard.

Incidents/Injuries: One child was strangled by rope added to the crib due to the clips failing. In three other incidents, children were able to remove one or more clips and place their neck between the tent and frame.

Description: The dome-shaped white-colored mesh tent is designed to fit over playards. Twelve plastic clips secure the base of the tent to the top rail of the playard.

Remedy: The playards were sold at Wal-Mart, Amazon.com, and various baby and children's stores nationwide from January 2005 through February 2010. Consumers should stop using the playards and contact Tots in Mind at 800.626.0339 to get free replacement clips.

Step2 Riding Toy Recalled

Product: Step2 Company and the CPSC are recalling 2.5 million Push Around and Whisper Ride Buggies.

Hazard: A pin attached to the yellow knob on the handle of the buggy can loosen, causing the handle to detach from the buggy. This poses a serious risk of injury to young children.

Incidents/Injuries: The firm has received 28 reports of the handle detaching; two incidents required professional medical treatment, and 26 resulted in minor scrapes and scratches.

Description: The Step2® Push Around Buggy™ and Whisper Ride Buggy™ are ride-on toys. The

buggy comes in various colors, such as orange, red, blue, pink and green. The buggies have a red "Step2" logo on the handle of the buggy. Buggies that have a handle attached by a bolt with a plastic white or black head and nut are not included in this recall.

Remedy: The product was sold at major retailers and specialty stores from August 1999 through March 2010. Consumers should immediately stop using the buggy and contact Step2 at 866.860.1887 for a free repair kit.

McDonald's Glasses Recalled

Product: McDonald's and the CPSC are recalling 12 million Shrek Forever After 3D collectable drinking glasses.

Hazard: The designs on the glasses contain cadmium. Long-term exposure to cadmium can cause adverse health effects.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported

Description: The "Shrek Forever After 3D" collectable drinking glass are 16 ounce glasses that came in four designs: Shrek, Fiona, Puss n' Boots and Donkey.

Remedy: Stop using the glasses for consumption and call McDonald's at 800.244.6227 for additional instructions about how to obtain a full refund.

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

www.cpsc.gov
www.ndhealth.gov

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Deaths Connected to Toy Dart Guns

Product: Family Dollar Stores Inc. and the CPSC are recalling 1.8 million toy dart gun sets.

Hazard: If a child places the soft, pliable plastic toy dart in his or her mouth, the toy can be inhaled into the throat and prevent the child from breathing.

Incidents/Injuries: Two asphyxiation deaths involving a 9-year-old and a 10-year-old have been reported.

Description: The "Auto Fire" toy target set is sold with either an orange and yellow toy gun (item #P238) or a blue and yellow toy gun (item #9328), eight orange darts and a small target with numbers from 1 to 20. The gun's item number is located on one side of the handle in raised lettering. The target board is black, yellow, red and green and measures 5 inches in diameter. "Gordy Toy" for "Ages 8+" is printed on the packaging.



Remedy: The toy sets were sold exclusively at Family Dollar stores nationwide from September 2005 through January 2009. Consumers should stop using the sets and return the guns and darts to a Family Dollar Store for a full refund.

Tiaras Recalled

Product: Wilton Industries and the CPSC are recalling 7,300 children's tiaras.

Hazard: The tiaras contain high levels of lead. Lead is toxic if swallowed by young children and can cause adverse health effects.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported

Description: This recall involves the Wilton® Youth Tiara with a SKU number of 120-228. The SKU number is located on the back of the package in the lower right corner. The tiara is silver-colored with clear crystals.

Remedy: The tiaras were sold at Party City, Jo-Ann Fabrics, Ben Franklin Stores, Amazon.com and other retailers nationwide from June 2009 through April 2010. Consumers should stop using the tiaras and call Wilton Industries at 800.593.7866 for a full refund.



Mini Bikes and Go-Carts Recalled

Product: Baja Motorsports and CPSC are recalling 308,000 mini bikes and go-carts.

Hazard: The gas cap can leak or detach from the fuel tank, posing a fire and burn hazard to consumers. In addition, the throttle can stick due to an improperly positioned fuel line and throttle cable, posing a sudden acceleration hazard to consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: The firm has received at least nine reports of the gas caps leaking and detaching, including one report of a serious burn injury to a child. The firm also has received 25 reports of stuck throttles possibly due to the fuel line and throttle cable being improperly attached, with injuries to the face and other parts of the body reported.

Description: This recall involved Baja Motorsports mini bikes with model numbers beginning with HT65, MB165, WR65, MB196, DB30, WR90 and DR90 and go-carts with model numbers BB65, SD65, DN65 and TR65. The model number is located on the mini bikes' fenders and/or decorative fuel tank and on the go-carts' roll cage. They both have black plastic gas caps.

Remedy: The products were sold at various mini bike and go-cart retailers nationwide from November 2004 through June 2010. Consumers should stop using the recalled products and contact Baja Motorsports at 888.863.2252 for a free replacement gas cap and to schedule a free repair of the fuel line and throttle cable.

Transportation Toys Recalled

Product: The CPSC and the Step2 Company are recalling 56,000 Sand & Water Transportation Station Toys.

Hazard: The light blue plastic wheels on the train cars can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported

Description: The toy station consists of a round blue plastic table, including train tracks: train cars in blue, red and yellow: toy sailboats: and a hand rake/shovel. A red Step2 logo decal is on the side of the table.

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the toy and contact Step2 at 800.347.8372 for free replacement cars.

Buckyballs Recalled

Product: Maxfield and Oberton and the CPSC are recalling 175,000 Buckyballs High Powered Magnets Sets

Hazard: The high-powered magnets sets were labeled "Ages 13+" and do not meet the mandatory toy standard F963-08 (effective Aug. 17, 2009), which requires that such powerful magnets not be sold for children younger than 14. Magnets found by young children can be swallowed or aspirated. If more than one magnet is swallowed, the magnets can attract each other and cause intestinal perforations or blockages, which can be fatal.

Incidents/Injuries: The firm has received two reports of children swallowing one or more magnets. No injuries were reported.

Description: The set contains 216 powerful rare earth magnets. It is intended to build unlimited shapes and patterns.

Remedy: The Buckyballs were sold at a variety of stores from March 2009 through March 2010.

Consumers should take the Buckyballs® high-powered magnets sets labeled "Ages 13+" away from children younger than 14 and contact Maxfield and Oberton for instructions about receiving a refund upon return of a complete set of magnets.



Baby Recliners Recalled

Product: 30,000 Baby Matters Nap Nanny portable baby recliners

Hazard: Infants are partially falling or hanging over the side of the Nap Nanny even while the harness is in use. Nap Nannies are being used in cribs and play yards, which is not a recommended use of this product.

Incidents/Injuries: A 4-month-old who died was found hanging over the side of the recliner and was caught between the Nap Nanny and the crib. Consumer Product Safety Commission and Baby Matters have received 22 reports of infants falling off the recliner who also were harnessed in the product.

Description: The Nap Nanny is a portable recliner designed for sleeping, resting and playing. The recliner includes a foam base with an inclined indentation for the infant to sit in and a fitted fabric cover and a three point harness.

Remedy: The recalled Nap Nannies were sold at toy and children's retail stores nationwide and online from January 2009 through July 2010. Consumers should stop using the product and contact Baby Matters at 888.240.4282 to receive an \$80 coupon towards the purchase of a new Nap Nanny.

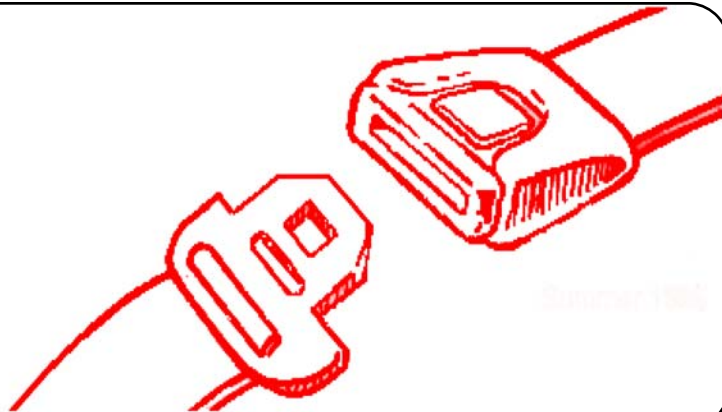


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The Buckle Update



Why Do Car Seats Expire?

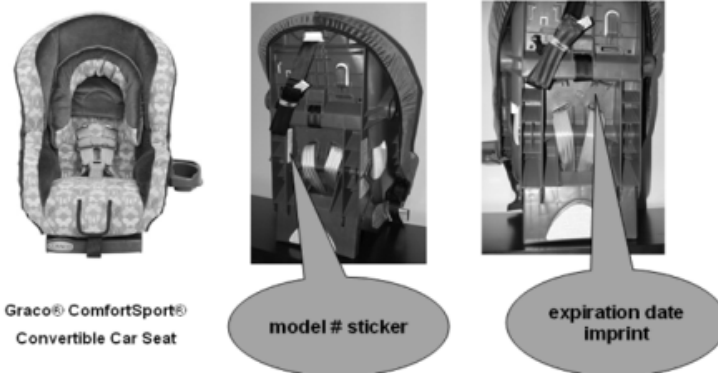
When having their car seats checked, parents often are surprised to learn that their car seat has a “Do Not Use After ...” date. Usually, the “expiration” date is six to eight years from the date of manufacture.

Parents may question why car seats expire. Some wonder if it’s simply a marketing ploy to sell more car seats. One very good reason to follow the manufacturer’s expiration date is that crash data and tests constantly are being used to make changes in car seats so they can do a better job of protecting children in crashes. Technology and safety standards change over time, and newer car seats often have advanced safety features. For example, a car seat purchased today may have had side-impact testing that was not done on a car seat made six years ago.

Another factor to consider is that car seats are exposed to extreme heat and cold, and the plastic shell may degrade over time. Many six-year-old car seats simply should not be used because of their condition after daily use by a young child. Through normal wear and tear, protective foam under the car seat

may be missing, harness straps may be frayed, labels may have faded or peeled off, the seat may have been recalled, and buckles may not function properly.

Car seats that have expired should be destroyed so they cannot mistakenly be used by another child. Good ways to destroy car seats include removing the cover, cutting the harness straps and, if possible, physically breaking or cutting the shell. If the shell cannot be destroyed, use a permanent marker and write “Defective” or “Unsafe” on the shell. You also may want to check for car seat recycling programs in your community.



Fact or Fiction

Fact or Fiction: On infant car seats, the handle should never be left in the upright carrying position when used in a vehicle.

Fiction: Handle positions vary between manufacturers, with some handles approved for vehicle use in the upright carrying position. Refer to your car seat instructions for information specific to your infant seat.

Fact or Fiction: For a tight fit, a car seat should not move more than 1 inch side-to-side or front to back.

Fact: After a car seat is installed, it should be tested for tightness. Grasp it at the belt path (where the seat belt threads through the child restraint). It should not move more than 1 inch. The installation should be checked before every ride.

Buckle Up Kids – It's the Law

Most people know North Dakota law requires kids to ride buckled up, but there are often questions about when a child legally can use a booster seat or go into a seat belt. Here are the facts about North Dakota's child passenger safety law:

- Children younger than 7 must ride in a child restraint. A child restraint may be either a car seat with harness or a booster seat.
- Children ages 7 through 17 must be properly secured in a seat belt or a child restraint (car seat or booster seat).
- The child restraint must be used according to the manufacturer's instructions. This means the car seat must be appropriate for the child riding in it, it must be installed in the vehicle correctly and the child must be properly secured in it.
- The law applies to all seating positions – front seat and back.
- The driver is responsible for ensuring that all occupants younger than 18 are buckled up appropriately.
- The penalty for violation is \$25 and one point against the license of the driver.



Keep in mind that the law provides a minimum standard of safety for children. Parents are encouraged to seek assistance from certified child passenger safety technicians for best practice information about their child's specific needs, in addition to meeting the requirements of the law. For more information, contact the North Dakota Department of Health at 800.472.2286.

Cleaning Your Car Seat

You knew it would happen. Your child got sick in the car seat, spilled her drink or leaked through his diaper. Before you strip the car seat of its pad and harness and throw them into the washer, take a minute to check the car seat manual for cleaning instructions.

A review of car seat cleaning instructions from different manufacturers showed some variation in washing pads, with some recommending hand washing and others allowing machine washing on the delicate cycle. Most manufacturers were consistent with the following instructions:

- Plastic shells should be wiped clean with water and a mild soap. Do not use bleach or abrasive chemicals that may weaken the plastic. Care should be taken to keep labels from getting wet and unreadable.
- Harness straps should be spot cleaned and then air dried.
- Buckles should never be immersed in water or lubricated.

Pay special attention to how pads and harnesses are removed. You will need to reverse the process to reinstall them. Your car seat instructions provide valuable information about care, cleaning and maintenance.

Frustrated with your car seat?
Call 800.472.2286 for help!



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