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State Health Department Urges Use of National Poison Control Phone Number

The North Dakota Department of Health is reminding parents and caregivers to use the national poison control phone number for emergency poison consultation. The national phone number 800.222.1222 was established in 2003 to allow 24-hour, seven-day-a-week access to poison control services anywhere in the nation through a single toll-free phone number.

An outdated phone number is listed in the yellow pages of some new phone directories, as well as on a postcard attached to the phone directories. Consumers who call the old phone number receive a recording directing them to the new phone number. The national phone number is answered at certified poison control centers located throughout the nation and staffed by nurses and pharmacists. Hennepin Regional Poison Control Center in Minneapolis, Minn.,



is the certified center that receives phone calls from North Dakota callers.

North Dakotans can contact the North Dakota Department of Health at 800.472.2286 (press 1) to receive telephone stickers and refrigerator magnets with the new national toll-free number.

Pajama Sets Recalled

CPSC and J&F Design Inc. are recalling 19,000 girls' sleepwear sets sold at J.C. Penney Stores. The pajama sets fail to meet the federal mandatory standard for flammability of children's sleepwear under the Flammable Fabrics Act. This poses a risk of burn injuries to children.



The recalled pajama sets include a tank top and a pair of shorts. The pajamas were sold in four colors: green, fuchsia, light blue and light pink. The tops have a large, rubber decal of one or more monkeys on the front and the bottoms have a monkey print on them. The label inside the garment reads "Bobby by Bobby Jack."

J.C. Penney stores nationwide sold the pajamas from April 2005 through June 2005. Consumers should stop wearing the pajamas and return them to J.C. Penney for a full refund. For additional information, call J&F Design at 800.305.0510.

Necklaces and Zipper Pulls Recalled

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and Stravina Operating Co. are recalling 6 million children's metal necklaces and zipper pulls. The recalled metal jewelry contains high levels of



accessible lead in the metal and/or the paint. This poses a serious risk of lead poisoning to young children. Lead is toxic if ingested and can cause adverse health effects.

The recalled necklaces are silver colored with individual names painted in a variety of colors. The nameplate on the necklace hangs from a 16-inch black cord. The zipper pulls are silver colored with individual names that come in various colors. The zipper pull hangs from a silver-colored metal clip designed to attach to backpacks, key rings and zippers on clothing.

The recalled metal necklaces and zipper pulls were sold at discount, toy, party, grocery and drug stores from March 2002 through September 2005. Consumers should take this metal jewelry away from children and contact Stravina for a free replacement product at 800.964.0029.

Baby Jumpers Recalled

CPCS and Kids II Inc. are recalling 14,000 Bounce Bounce Baby! Door Jumpers. The plastic clamp that attaches the jumper seat to a doorframe can break, which can cause the unit and child to fall to the floor. This poses an injury hazard to young children.



The Bounce Bounce Baby! Door Jumper model number is 6753 and is written on a white warning label on the seat. The jumper has a blue canvas seat with a sun, star and bee design print. The name Kids II is printed on the plastic housing that contains the clamp.

Discount department and juvenile specialty stores nationwide sold the jumpers from January 2005 through November 2005. Consumers should stop using the product immediately and contact Kids II at 877.325.7056 for information on receiving a replacement.

Cube Toy Recalled

CPSC and Maxim Enterprise Inc. are recalling 12,000 Little Tree Mini Learning Cube toys. Small wooden pegs in the top corners of the toy can come loose, posing a choking hazard to young children. Three incidents associated with the toy have been reported.

The learning cube is an 8-inch square wooden box with a different activity on each side, including an abacus, blocks with apples and bananas, shapes that can be moved in a zigzag cutout and a blackboard.



The cube toy was sold at Target stores nationwide from June 2005 through November 2005. Consumers should stop using the toy and return it to Target for a gift

card. For additional information, consumers can contact Target at 800.440.0680.

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

www.cpsc.gov www.ndhealth.gov

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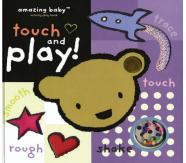
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Children's Books Recalled

CPSC and Advantage Publishers Group are recalling 41,000 children's books. If the clear plastic container is removed from the book's back cover or breaks,



young children can access the beads in it. This poses a choking hazard to young children.

The recalled children's books are multi-colored with holes in the pages to touch a variety of fabrics and to push a squeaker toy, flaps to lift and a clear plastic container with beads.

The books were sold at national book chains, discount department stores, wholesalers, distributors and membership warehouse clubs nationwide from May 2003 through November 2005. Consumers should stop using the activity board books and contact Advantage Publishers Group at 866.748.3731 for a replacement book.

Graco Cribs Recalled

CPSC and Graco are recalling 104,000 Aspen 3-in-1 Cribs, manufactured by Simplicity. The screws on the wooden mattress support can come loose, allowing a portion of the mattress to fall, which poses a suffocation hazard to young children. Simplicity Inc. has received 14 reports of the mattress support coming loose, including eight reports of entrapment.



The recalled cribs are made of wood and have a wooden mattress support. Only cribs with wooden mattress supports and with model number 8740KCWSC and serial number 2803 SC to 1605 are included in this

recall. The model and serial number are printed on the envelope attached to the mattress support.

The crib was sold at department stores and children's product stores from August 2003 through May 2005. Consumers should stop using this crib and call Simplicity Inc. at 800.784.1982 to receive a retrofit kit.

Wal-Mart Toy Sets Recalled

CPSC and Wal-Mart are recalling about 7,200 10-in-1 Activity Trunks by Kid Connection. Some of the toys in these trunks contain



small parts, posing a choking hazard to young people.

The recalled 10-in-1 Wood Activity Trunk is a wood box with a removable lid. The trunk measures about 7-inches wide by 8 1/2-inches high by 14 1/2-inches long. The toy set provides 10 different activities, including a pounding bench, puzzle, stacking rings, bead maze/runner, wood alphabet blocks, wood stacking blocks of various shapes, wood train engine and plastic building blocks.

Wal-Mart stores nationwide sold the set from July 2005 through September 2005. Consumers should stop using this toy and return the product to Wal-Mart for a full refund. For more information, consumers can contact Wal-Mart at 800.925.6278.

Fairy Wand Party Favors Recalled



CPSC and American Greetings Corporation are recalling approximately 14,200 Designware 4 Fairy Wands. The fairy wand party favors can break apart, exposing sharp wires that pose a laceration hazard to children.

The recalled fairy wands are pink or purple with multicolored beads, feathers and

ribbons. The wands are 7-inches long. There are four wands in each package.

The wands were sold at discount, toy, drug, grocery and specialty gift shores nationwide from March 2003 through September 2005. Consumers should stop using the wands and contact American Greetings at 800.777.4891 for a coupon redeemable wherever American Greetings products are sold.

Batteries From Polaroid DVD Recalled

CPSC and Petters Consumer Brands LLC are recalling about 165,000 battery packs used with Polaroid-brand portable DVD players. The battery can overheat and melt the plastic case while recharging, posing a fire and burn hazard to consumers. Petters has received eight reports of batteries overheating, melting the plastic case or smoking during the recharging process.

The recall involves external battery packs used with the Polaroid-brand portable DVD players in 7-inch and 8-inch screen sizes. The 7-inch DVD player has a model number of PDV-0700 and the 8-inch player has a model number of PDV-0800. The DVD player and recalled batteries were sold at various electronics and department stores nationwide from May 2003 through March 2004. Consumers

should stop using the batteries and recharger and contact Petters Consumer Brands at 866.866.6292 for a free replacement battery pack.



Fisher-Price Toy Chairs Recalled



The CPSC and Fisher-Price are recalling approximately 620,000 Laugh & Learn Musical Learning Chairs. A child can become lodged between the seatback and side table of the chair, possibly leading to an entrapment to the neck. This can pose a

strangulation hazard to young children. Fisher-Price has received three reports of young children getting their necks lodged, including one report of a child receiving a welt on the neck. The plastic infant toy measures about 17 inches high, plays music and teaches children numbers and letters. The model numbers are H4609, H7167 through H7173, H8157, H8998 and J0272 through J0275, which can be found on the underside of the chair seat.

The toy chairs were distributed at discount department and toy stores nationwide from May 2005 through January 2006.. Consumers should stop using the chair and contact Fisher-Price at 866.552.3914 to receive a free repair kit that contains a plastic piece that connects the seatback and side table, preventing the possibility of entrapment.

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Child Passenger Safety Trainings Scheduled

Child passenger safety has become increasingly complex. There are many different child restraints and many different seat belt systems. All child restraints do not fit in all vehicles. The need for people with a high level of knowledge and a standardized set of qualifications has grown. This course will provide participants with the technical skills to:

- Identify and correct misuse of car safety seats.
- Serve as a community child passenger safety resource.
- Educate others about child passenger safety issues.
- Reduce potential liability through standardization.
- Receive knowledge and skills to meet national certification.

Who Should Attend?

Law enforcement, fire and EMS personnel, health-care professionals, car dealership personnel and other child passenger safety advocates are encouraged to attend. Participants also need to be committed to child passenger safety.

The following technician trainings have been scheduled in North Dakota:

Grand Forks-May 16-19, 2006 Fargo-June 12-15, 2006 Bismarck-August 15-18, 2006

For more information, please call 701.328.4533.

February Is Child Passenger Safety Month

During Child Passenger Safety Month, public health agencies, law enforcement officers, Safe Kids coalitions and Safe Communities programs across the state will be reminding children and parents about the importance of using safety restraints on every trip. Representatives will be visiting schools, daycares and other locations to share their safety messages using "Buckle Up" materials developed by the North Dakota Department of Health and the North Dakota Department of Transportation. The materials contain entertaining and educational activities that remind children of the importance of buckling up when they ride in motor vehicles. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death and injury to — North Dakota children. From 2000 through 2004 in North Dakota, — 57 children younger than 18 died as



occupants in motor vehicle crashes and 4,541 were injured.

For information about child passenger safety, contact Dawn Mayer at 800.472.2286 (press 1).

Bases a Must for Some Infant Seats

It is safe to state that <u>most</u> rear-facing infant seats marketed to be used with a base can be installed in vehicles without the base as well. But before consumers install infant seats without the base, the manufacturer's instruc-

tions need to be referenced.

There are two infant seats currently on the market that <u>must</u> <u>always</u> be used with the base. The Evenflo Embrace 5 and I-400 Compass rear-facingonly infant seats cannot be installed in



vehicles without their bases. Manufacturers have chosen to market these seats in efforts to cut down on mis-

1.5 Million GM SUVs and Pickups Recalled

General Motors Corp. has recalled 1.5 million sport utility vehicles (SUVs) and pickup trucks to fix a potential safety defect. SUVs and pickup trucks from 2003-2005 model years, with second-row seat belts, are included in the recall.

GM chose to recall these vehicles because the rear-center safety belt (lap and shoulder belt) in the second row may ride too high on the child's abdomen, potentially reducing protection in that portion of the body in a crash.

Affected vehicles include Chevrolet Silverado Crew Cab, Suburban, Tahoe, Avalanche; Cadillac Escalade, Escalade ESV, Escalade EXT; GMC Sierra Crew Cab, Yukon XL, Yukon and Hummer H2. Consumers should contact their local dealerships for more information.

New CPS Materials Available

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has new child passenger safety materials available on it's website. Please go to <u>www.boosterseats.gov</u> to view posters, fact sheets and more.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

April 9-11, 2006-National Lifesavers Conference on Highway Safety Priorities <u>www.lifesaversconference.org</u>

May 16-19, 2006-Child Passenger Safety Technician Training in Grand Forks

June 12-15, 2006-Child Passenger Safety Technician Training in Fargo

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