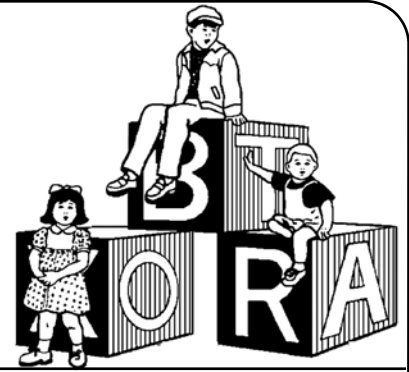


Building Blocks to Safety

A newsletter for prevention of
childhood injuries



North Dakota Department of Health

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Division of Injury Prevention and Control

Save the Date

North Dakota Conference on Injury Prevention & Control "Preventing and Responding to Injuries"

2nd Annual Conference



Application for contact hours has been made to Community Health Section, North Dakota Department of Health, an approved provider of continuing nursing education by CNE-Net, the education division of the North Dakota Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. Continuing education credits (CEU, POST, and CEH) have been requested for social workers, licensed counselors, law enforcement, emergency medical services, and domestic violence advocate certification hours.

SAVE THE DATE

October 27-28, 2010

Seven Seas Hotel
Mandan, ND

Purpose: To encourage professionals to develop multifaceted approaches to promoting awareness, prevention and intervention of unintentional and intentional injuries in North Dakota.

Topics will include:

- General Injury Prevention
- Traffic Safety
- Domestic/Sexual Violence
- Suicide/Mental Health
- AND MANY MORE!

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Baby Slings Recalled

Product: One million Infantino SlingRider Baby Slings

Hazard: Infants younger than 4 months are at risk for suffocation with this product.

Incidents/Injuries: Three reports of deaths have occurred in these slings.

Description: The Infantino SlingRider is a soft fabric baby carrier with a padded shoulder strap that is worn by parents and caregivers to carry an infant weighing up to 20 pounds. Infantino,

SlingRider and the item numbers are printed on the instruction/warning label inside the baby sling carrier.

Remedy: The slings were sold at Walmart, Burlington Coat Factory, Target, Babies "R" Us, BJ's Wholesale, various baby and children's stores, and other retailers nationwide and on the Web from January 2003 through March 2010. Consumers should stop using the recalled slings immediately and contact Infantino to receive a free replacement product. For more information, contact Infantino at 866.860.1361.

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

Baby Gates Recalled

Product: 150,000 Evenflo Top-of-Stair Plus Wood Gates

Hazard: The slats on the gate can break or detach, posing a fall hazard to children.

Incidents/Injuries: Evenflo received 142 reports of slats breaking and detaching from the gate. Seven injuries have been reported due to the failure of the gate.

Description:

Evenflo models 10502 and 10512 made from October 2007 through July 2009 are included in the recall. The model number can be found on the bottom rail.



Remedy: The gates were sold at Toys “R” Us, Burlington Baby Depot, Kmart and other juvenile product and mass merchandise retailers nationwide. Consumers should stop using the gate and contact Evenflo to obtain a free newer-model replacement gate. For more information, contact Evenflo at 800.233.5921.

RadioShack Helicopters Recalled

Product: 6,000 Danbar Knight Hawk toy helicopters imported by RadioShack Corp.

Hazard: The battery housing under the helicopter canopy can overheat while charging, posing a fire hazard.



Incidents/Injuries:

The firm has received one report of a fire that started while a store demo toy was charging.

Description: The Danbar Knight Hawk 3D remote control helicopter can be identified by model number 00647 marked on the back of the controller and the Knight Hawk 3D logo on the front of the controller.

Remedy: The helicopter was sold at RadioShack stores, RadioShack dealer franchise stores nationwide

and www.radioshack.com from October 2009 through November 2009. Consumers should stop using this product and return the toy to the nearest RadioShack store for a full refund. For more information, call RadioShack at 800.843.7422.

Play Yards Recalled

Product: 213,000 Safety 1st Disney Care Center Play Yard and Eddie Bauer Complete Care Play Yard

Hazard: The one-piece metal bars supporting the floorboard of the bassinet attachment can come out of the fabric sleeves and create an uneven sleeping surface, posing a risk of suffocation or positional asphyxiation.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported

Description: The play yards are portable and were sold with a bassinet attachment and a built-in changing station. Models included in this recall are 05025, 05026, 05037, 05088 and 05350. The model number is printed on a sticker on one of the support legs underneath the play yard. “Safety 1st” or “Eddie Bauer” is printed near the bottom of the fabric sides of the play yards.

Remedy: The play yards were sold at Babies “R” Us, Kmart, Sears, Target and Walmart from January 2007 through October 2009. Consumers should stop using the bassinet attachment and contact Dorel

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

www.cpsc.gov
www.ndhealth.gov

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Unsafe Cribs Recalled

Product: More than 500,000 Generation 2 Worldwide and ChildESIGNS drop-side cribs. The exact number of cribs included in the recall is unknown because Generation 2 went out of business in 2005.

Hazard: The crib's plastic hardware can break and cause the drop side of the crib to detach from a corner of the crib. When the drop side detaches, it creates a space into which an infant or toddler can roll and become wedged or entrapped. When a child is entrapped between the drop side and the crib mattress, it creates a risk of suffocation or strangulation. In addition, the crib's mattress support can detach from the crib frame, creating a hazardous space in which an infant or toddler could become entrapped and suffocate or strangle.

Incidents/Injuries: The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has received reports of three infants who suffocated when they became entrapped between the crib mattress and the drop side when the drop side detached. There were also 28 more incident reports associated with this crib.

Description: Because Generation 2 went out of business in 2005, CPSC has limited information about the cribs. Although CPSC does not know the total number of units distributed or the years of production, it is believed that there were more than 500,000 of these cribs sold to consumers. Some of the known model numbers are 10-110X, 10-210X, 21-110X, 20-710X, 64-315X, 26-110X, 90-257X, 20-810X, 46-715X, 64-311X, 74-315X, 21-815X, 21-810X, 20815X, 308154 and 54915. (The "X" denotes where an additional and varying number may appear at the end of the model number.) However, all Generation 2 Worldwide and "ChildESIGNS" drop-side cribs are included in this recall, including those with other model numbers. The name "Generation 2 Worldwide" appears on a label affixed to the crib's headboard or footboard. Some labels identify the place of manufacture as Dothan, Ala. Others identify China as the country of manufacture. The name "ChildESIGNS" appears on the teething rail of some of the cribs.

Remedy: The cribs were sold at numerous local furniture and retail stores including Buy Buy Baby, Kmart and Walmart stores nationwide. Consumers should stop using this product and contact the store from which they purchased the crib for remedy information, which will vary. Consumers are urged to contact CPSC at 800.638.2772 to report any difficulties in obtaining a remedy from their place of purchase.

More Unsafe Cribs Recalled

Product: 635,000 Dorel Asia Cribs

Hazard: The drop-side hardware can fail, causing the drop side to detach from the crib. When the drop side detaches, it creates a space in which an infant or toddler can become entrapped and suffocate or strangle. In addition, the recalled cribs can pose a serious entrapment and strangulation hazard when a slat is damaged. This can occur while the crib is in use, in storage, being put together, taken apart or reassembled, or during shipping and handling.

Incidents/Injuries: One infant death and 10 infant injuries were reported.

Description: The crib has many designs and may come in the following colors: white, espresso, natural, cherry, walnut or toffee.

Remedy: The cribs were sold at Kmart, Sears and Walmart stores nationwide from January 2005 through December 2009. Consumers should stop using the crib and contact Dorel Asia at 866.762.2304 to determine if their crib is included in the recall and to receive a free replacement kit if it's recalled.

Chime Toys Recalled

Product: 600,000 Wind Chime Toys distributed by Tiny Love Inc.

Hazard: The toy can be pulled apart, exposing sharp metal rods and posing puncture and laceration hazards to the baby.

Incidents/Injuries: Tiny Love has received five reports of babies pulling apart the wind chime toy and exposing the sharp metal rods, including a report of an injury to a baby who punctured his cheek with the rods.

Description: The wind chime toys are not wind chimes. The toy produces the sound of a wind chime. Tiny Love is printed on a tag on the toy. The following item numbers are included in the recall: 493, 593,512,811,516, 517,539.

Remedy: The toys were sold at Toys "R" Us, Walmart, Target, Buy Buy Baby and TJ Maxx stores nationwide from February 2002 through February 2010. Consumers should stop using the toy and contact Tiny Love for a free replacement toy. Contact Tiny Love at 888.791.8166 for more information.



High Chairs Recalled

Product: 1.2 million Graco Harmony High Chairs

Hazard: The screws holding the front legs of the high chair can loosen and fall out and/or the plastic bracket on the rear legs can crack, causing the high chair to become unstable and tip over unexpectedly. This poses a fall hazard to children.

Incidents/Injuries: Graco has received 464 reports of screws falling out and plastic brackets cracking, causing the high chair to tip over unexpectedly. Tip-overs have caused 24 reports of injuries to children.

Description: All Harmony High Chairs are included in this recall.

Remedy: Harmony High Chairs were sold at AAFES, Burlington Coat Factory, Babies "R" Us, Sears, Target, Target.com, Walmart, Walmart.com, Shopko, USA Baby and other retailers nationwide from December 2003 through March 2010. Consumers need to stop using the high chair and contact Graco to receive a free repair kit. For more information, contact Graco at 877.842.3206.



Graco Strollers Recalled

Product: 1.5 million Graco's Passage, Alano and Spree strollers and travel systems



Hinge Affected

Hazard: The hinges on the stroller's canopy pose a fingertip amputation and laceration hazard to the child when the consumer is opening and closing the canopy.

Incidents/Injuries: Graco has received seven reports of children placing their fingers in the stroller's canopy hinge while the canopy was being opened or closed, resulting in five fingertip amputations and two fingertip lacerations.

Description: Graco manufactured two different styles of hinge mechanisms for these stroller models. Only strollers with a plastic, jointed hinge mechanism that has indented canopy positioning notches are included in this recall.

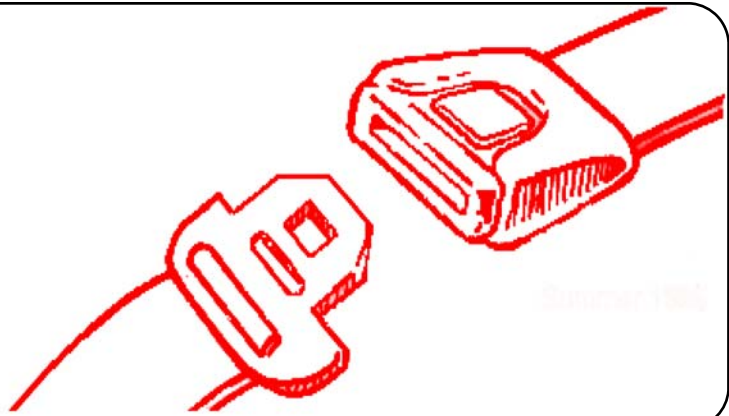
Remedy: The strollers were sold at AAFES, Burlington Coat Factory, Babies "R" Us, Toys "R" Us, Kmart, Fred Meyer, Meijers, Navy Exchange, Sears, Target, Walmart and other retailers nationwide from October 2004 through December 2009. Consumers should stop using this product and contact Graco at 800.345.4109 to determine if they own the recalled product and to receive a free protective cover repair kit if they own the stroller.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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The Buckle Update



Buckling Up for Two

Many pregnant women are unsure about buckling up during pregnancy and wonder if it's safe to use a seat belt. Research shows the best way to protect an unborn baby is to protect the mother, so the answer is a definite yes.

To avoid injury, the seat belt must be worn correctly. The lap belt should be secured below the belly – never across or above the stomach. Check to be sure



it stays low. Keep the shoulder belt across the shoulder and between the breasts. Never put it under the arm or behind the back.

If possible, warm up the vehicle before heading out in cold weather so heavy coats aren't needed. If a coat is worn, open it and pull it to the sides and out from under the belt, away from the belly. This helps the lap belt stay low.

Air bags should be kept on, but sit as far back as possible from the steering wheel. Let others do the driving in the last few months of pregnancy, and sit in the back seat. The center of the back seat is safest – if it has a lap and shoulder belt.

Near the end of pregnancy, limit travel as much as possible by shopping online or having people visit. If you must travel, limit obvious crash risks such as night driving, traveling in bad weather, cell phone use, and riding with drinking or sleepy drivers.

Pregnant women who are in a crash, even a minor one, should see their doctor immediately just to be sure mom and baby are not hurt.

Source: Safe Ride News Fact Sheet: Are You Pregnant? Buckling up for Two

Child Passenger Safety Certification

Have you ever been asked a question about car seat use from a parent, patient or the traveling public and were unsure of the answer? Many caregivers look to health professionals, law enforcement officers, child-care providers and other safety professionals for information about buckling up their children. Be sure the information you provide is up-to-date and accurate by participating in a certification course

sponsored by the North Dakota Department of Health.

Courses will be held April 27 through 30 in Bismarck, May 17 through 20 in Grand Forks, June 22 through 25 in Fargo and August 17 through 20 in Williston. For more information, visit www.ndhealth.gov/injury/trainings.htm or contact the North Dakota Department of Health at 800.472.2286.

Dorel Infant Seat Handles Recalled

Sold as part of stroller system under Safety 1st, Cosco, Disney or Eddie Bauer. Problem: handle releases suddenly when carried. Seat may flip and infant may fall. Call 866.762.3316 or visit www.djgusa.com to order a handle repair kit. Until installed, do not carry by handle. Models affected begin with “22” with a manufacture date of Jan. 6, 2008, through April 6, 2009. Models include:

Safety 1st: 22-057 DBY, 22-085 DWA, 22-057 CLN, 22-057 HRT, 22-322 HRR, 22-322 PTK, 22-057 LPH, 22-085 LYN, 22-322 KDL, 22-322 LXI, 22-322 OLY, 22-322 PRS, 22-322 MAI, 22-325 COB, 22-095 RBK, 22-380 LGA, 22-380 MSA, 22-627 WAV, 22-325 PAC



Cosco: 22-300 FZN, 22-300 OSF, 22-300 CSF, 22-300 JJV, 22-300 THD, 22-300 TWD

Disney: 22-627 AWF, 22-355 LBF, 22-305 NAB, 22-305 PPH, 22-355 PWK

Eddie Bauer: 22-627 CGT, 22-627 FRK, 22-627 SNW, 22-627 WPR, 22-627 KGS, 22-655 BYTE

Dorel Car Seat Recall

Dorel Juvenile Group announced the recall of several of its convertible and combination car seats. For some of the car seats, the tether strap failed an abrasion test. For others, the harness straps may have deteriorated because of ultraviolet rays from sunlight. The following seats are included in the recalls:

Tether abrasion: Alpha Omega, Eddie Bauer 3-in-1, Touriva, Eddie Bauer Touriva, High-back combination and Eddie Bauer High-back combination – manufactured from Jan. 1, 2000 to Sept.30, 2001.
Possible harness deterioration: Touriva, Eddie Bauer Touriva, High-back combination and Eddie Bauer High-back combination – made from March 15, 2002 to Aug. 1, 2002.

Dorel is providing free replacement harnesses and free tethers to affected models. Consumers with the above model names should call 866.690.2539 or visit www.djgusa.com. Have the model number and date of manufacture available. This information can be found on labels attached to the side or back of the car seat.

Seat Belts Are Not Toys!

Seat belts are lifesavers and are important for installing car seats. However, seat belts can be dangerous if children play with them by wrapping the shoulder belt around their bodies or necks.

Know how your seat belt works. Some seat belts lock when they are pulled all the way out. These belts are more likely to cause problems than others because once they lock, they will only get tighter. They must be unbuckled to loosen, which may not be possible if the belt is locked around a child’s neck.

Other steps to reduce potential danger include:

- Never leave a child alone in the vehicle – even for a short time.
- Teach children never to play with seat belts.
- Be aware of what your child is doing in the back seat.
- Keep a car seat harness snug so a child will be less able to reach an unused seat belt.
- If installing a car seat with the LATCH system, check the car seat instructions and vehicle manual for ideas about what to do with the seat belt. You may be able to buckle the seat belt behind the car seat.
- If a child can reach an unused seat belt that could lock if pulled out, buckle the belt and lock it yourself.
- If your child is caught in the belt, don’t panic. Hold the seat belt, so it can’t retract more. Keep a seat belt cutter in your vehicle so you can cut the belt if necessary.

Source: Safe Ride News Fact Sheet: Seat Belts are not Toys!