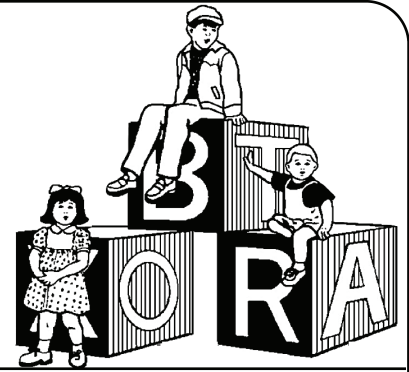


Building Blocks to Safety

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Vinyl Baby Bib Warning

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) warns consumers about a potential risk of lead exposure from baby bibs with cracked or peeling vinyl surfaces. This consumer alert applies only to used bibs that are worn or have deteriorated. Pieces of vinyl containing lead could pose a hazard to infants if they are swallowed. CPSC recommends that parents and caregivers discard bibs that are in poor condition to avoid any potential exposure to lead from swallowed vinyl. Some vinyl materials, including those used as the front or back of baby bibs, contain lead (Pb) compounds as part of their formulation. Acting on information provided by and in cooperation with the New York and Illinois attorneys general, CPSC recently tested a wide range of bibs from various retailers nationwide.

The CPSC concluded that none of the bibs tested at the CPSC laboratory would pose a risk of substantial illness to children from mouthing. However, if the condition of a vinyl bib deteriorates to the point that a baby could pull or bite off and swallow a piece of vinyl containing lead, then the amounts of lead consumed could approach levels of concern.

The CPSC therefore advises parents and caregivers to stop using vinyl bibs that are in such condition. In the CPSC's view, this step could effectively prevent any significant risk of exposure to lead from these products. This precaution also would protect infants from the risk of choking on loose pieces of vinyl.

CPSC takes the issues of lead exposure very seriously, as lead is toxic and, if ingested by young

children, can cause adverse health effects, such as learning disabilities, behavioral problems, growth retardation and hearing problems. There have been no reported injuries involving these bibs.

Vinyl baby bibs have been sold through major retailers since at least 2004. They range in price from \$2 to \$7 and come in packs of up to 10. The bibs come in colorful designs and have either a vinyl front with a cloth backing or a cloth front with vinyl backing.

Strollers Recalled

Regal Lager Inc. and CPSC are recalling 14,000 Phil & Teds e3 strollers



with double seats. Children can touch the rear tires when in the stroller's add-on seat. A child's skin can become scraped or fingers entangled.

This stroller has a feature that allows the consumer to add a second seat to the stroller. The seat can be added directly behind the main stroller's seat allowing the child to access the wheels on the stroller.

The stroller was sold by Internet retailers and at baby furniture and baby products stores nationwide from July 2005 to November 2006. Consumers should stop using the second seat in the lower position and contact Regal Lager at 800.593.5522 for free additional rear wheel guards.

Backpack Carriers Recalled

Baby Trend and CPSC are recalling 4,000 Baby Trend backpack carriers. The stitching on the strap of the carrier can loosen or detach, causing the carrier to shift and young children to fall out. Baby Trend has received one report of a child who bruised his forehead after falling out of the carrier. The company also received 17 reports of shoulder straps loosening from the body of the carrier.



The product is a green/silver infant backpack carrier made of heavy duty nylon with a lightweight steel frame. Only carriers with style numbers 2512 and 2592LX are included in the recall. Style numbers are printed on the metal frame of the product.

This product was sold at discount department and juvenile products stores nationwide from March 2002 through November 2006. Consumers should contact Baby Trend at 800.328.7363 for return instructions and a free replacement carrier.

Kmart Jewelry Recalled

Crimzon Rose Accessories and CPSC are recalling about 6,000 children's "Kidsite" necklace and earring sets. The jewelry contains high levels of lead. Lead is toxic if ingested by young children and can cause adverse health effects.



The children's necklace and earring sets have birthstones made of plastic gemstones in various colors. The month of the birthstone and Kidsite are printed on the front of the product's packaging.

The jewelry was sold exclusively at Kmart stores nationwide from October 2001 through December 2006. Consumers should immediately take the recalled product away and return it to any Kmart store to receive one of three free children's sets.

Children's Carts Hazardous

Hong Kong Toy Centre and CPSC are recalling 19,000 Little Tree wooden activity cart toys. The orange hubcaps on the wheel of the cart can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children. Target stores have reported seven incidents of the hubcaps detaching but causing no injuries.

The cart is multicolored with an orange seat and a wooden tray. The cart has apple trees, a blue fence and red, blue and green flowers painted on one side.

This product was sold at Target stores nationwide from July 2006 through March 2007. Consumers should take the toy away from children and return the item to any Target store for a full refund.

Graco Activity Centers Recalled

CPSC and Graco Children's Products is recalling 40,000 soft blocks tower toys on Graco Baby Einstein discover and play activity centers. The plastic covering on the soft block towers can detach, posing a choking hazard to infants. Graco has received 137 reports of infants mouthing and chewing pieces of the plastic film covering, some of whom required medical attention. Serious incident reports include 32 infants

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Graco Activity Centers Recalled (continued)

who gagged and 49 who choked on the plastic covering.

The soft block tower is a stack of three different-shaped, stuffed fabric blocks in red, yellow and blue. Pictures of apples, fire engines, ducks, bananas, birds and blueberries on the blocks are covered in plastic film. Only model number 4635BEE with serial numbers 012705 through 063005 are included in this recall.



This product was sold at Army & Air Force Exchange Services, Babies "R" Us, Meijer, Shopko, Target and various specialty retailers nationwide and on Wal-Mart.com and Target.com from February 2005 through December 2005. Consumers should remove the soft blocks toy from the activity center and contact Graco at 800.345.4109 for a free replacement tower without plastic film.

Toy Cell Phones Recalled

Battat Inc. and CPSC are recalling Parents Magazine Record-A-Voice toy cell phones. The metal pin inside the hinge of the cell phone



flip-top can fall out, posing a choking hazard to young children. The firm has received 54 reports of the metal pin falling out of the hinge. In two cases, consumers reported finding the pin inside a child's mouth, with one child receiving a cut in the mouth.

The toy cell phone plays different songs, sound effects and user-recorded messages. They were sold in polka dot, swirl, floral and striped patterns. The Parents logo is visible inside the flip-top and on the battery compartment cover.

Target stores nationwide sold this product from September 2006 to January 2007. Consumers should take these toy cell phones away from young children and contact Battat at 800.247.6144 to receive a replacement product or refund.

Thomas Railway Toys Recalled

The CPSC and RC2 Corp. are recalling 1.5 million Thomas & Friends wooden railway toys. Surface paints on the toys contain lead, which is toxic to children.

The recall involves wooden vehicles, buildings and other train set components for young children listed in the chart below.

Recalled Product Name:

- Red James Engine & Red James? #5 Coal Tender
- Red Light & Sounds James Engine & Red James #5 Lights & Sounds Coal Tender
- James with Team Colors Engine & James with Team Colors #5 Coal Tender
- Red Skarloev Engine
- Brown & Yellow Old Slow Coach
- Red Hook & Ladder Truck & Red Water Tanker Truck
- Red Musical Caboose
- Red Sodor Line Caboose
- Red Coal Car labeled 2006 Day Out With Thomas on the Side
- Red Baggage Car
- Red Holiday Caboose
- Red Sodor Mail Car
- Red Fire Brigade Truck
- Red Fire Brigade Train
- Deluxe Sodor Fire Station
- Red Coal Car
- Yellow Box Car
- Red Stop Sign
- Yellow Railroad Crossing Sign
- Yellow Sodor Cargo Company Cargo Piece
- Smelting Yard
- Ice Cream Factory

The toys were sold at toy stores and various retailers nationwide from January 2005 through June 2007. Consumers should take the recalled toys away from young children and contact RC2 Corp. at 866.725.4407 for a replacement toy.



Infant Sling Carrier Recalled



CPSC and Infantino LLC are recalling 100,000 SlingRider infant carriers. The plastic slider on the fabric strap can break. This can cause the strap supporting the carrier to release and infants to fall out of the carrier. Infantino has received 10 reports of plastic sliders breaking, including eight reports of babies falling out of the carriers. There were four reports of impact injuries causing the children to be taken to the emergency room. One of these children fractured her skull.

The recall involves the Infantino SlingRider carriers with item numbers 141-210, 151-210, 151, 528 and 151-534. The item number is printed on a label inside the SlingRider.

This product was sold at Target Stores, Babies R Us, BJ's Wholesale Club, Burlington Coat Factory and other retailers nationwide by catalog and online from July 2006 through February 2007. Consumers should stop using these carriers and contact Infantino at 888.808.3111 to return them and receive a free replacement product.

Fisher-Price Infant Swings Recalled

CPSC and Fisher-Price are recalling 112,000 Rainforest Open Top Take-Along Swings. Infants can shift to one side of the swing and become caught between the frame and seat, posing an entrapment hazard. Fisher-Price has received 60 reports of infants becoming entrapped, resulting in cuts, bumps, bruises and red marks.

The swings are about 23-inches high and have two carry handles on the left and right sides. Model numbers K7203, K7192 and K7195 are included in the recall. Model numbers are located under the right handle on the swing.



The swings were sold at discount department stores and toy stores nationwide from November 2006 to May 2007.

Consumers should stop using the swing and contact Fisher-Price at

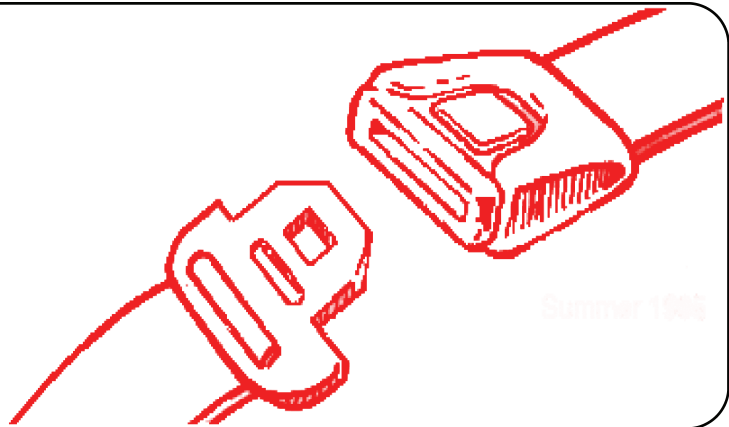
888.303.5631 for information about how to return it to receive a voucher for a replacement product.

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The Buckle Update



Not Even for a Minute

With warm weather approaching, the North Dakota Department of Health is reminding drivers to never leave children unattended in a vehicle — not even for a minute. In the time it takes to purchase a gallon of milk, a hot car can turn into a death trap for children. Even when the outside temperature is only 70 degrees, the interior of a car can reach 120 degrees in minutes. Children are especially vulnerable because heat affects them more quickly and severely than adults.

The following safety precautions will help prevent heat-related injuries and illnesses in cars:

- Never leave children in a vehicle unattended, even with the windows open a few inches.

- Always lock car doors and trunks, even at home. Keep keys out of children's reach.
- Be sure all child passengers have left the car when you reach your destination. Don't forget about sleeping infants. Place your purse, briefcase or something you will need in the back seat, so you must check the back seat to retrieve it.
- Before placing a child in a car safety seat, check to be sure the padding and buckles are not hot. Use a light covering to shade the seat or use windshield shades in front and back windows.

Sources: Kids and Cars
Safe Kids Worldwide

Evenflo Embrace Car Seat Recalled



The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with Evenflo Company Inc., are recalling about 450,000 Evenflo Embrace infant car seats/carriers.

When used as an infant carrier, the handle can unexpectedly release, causing the seat to rotate

forward. When this happens, an infant inside the carrier can fall out and suffer serious injuries. Evenflo has received 679 reports of the handle unexpectedly releasing, resulting in 160 injuries to children. Injuries include a skull fracture, concussions, cuts, scrapes and bruises.

The recall involves Evenflo Embrace infant car seats made before April 8, 2006. The recalled car seats have model numbers beginning with 317, 320, 397, 540, 548, 549, 550, 556, 597, 598 or 599. The model number and production date information can be found on a white label on the bottom of the car seat and on the top of the convenience base.

Consumers should contact Evenflo at 800.490.7497 or go to www.embracehandle.com for a free repair kit that strengthens the handle latch. They should not use the handle until the repair kit has been installed. Because the recall does not affect the safety of the product when used as a car seat, consumers can continue to use the product as a car seat when secured in a vehicle.

LATCH — The New Way To Install a Car Seat

LATCH stands for Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children. It is a new way to install car seats in vehicles without using a seat belt. The LATCH system has been required on most child restraints and vehicles manufactured since Sept. 1, 2002.

How does LATCH work? Car safety seats are equipped with a top tether strap and lower attachment straps. Vehicles have tether anchors and lower anchors. The car seat is attached to the vehicle anchors using the tether strap and lower attachment straps.

Tether anchors may be a metal bar, a bracket or a webbing strap. The anchors are located in different places in different model vehicles. Possible locations include the rear window shelf, the back of the vehicle seat, the floor of a cargo area, or the ceiling. Tether anchors may be marked with a tether anchor symbol.

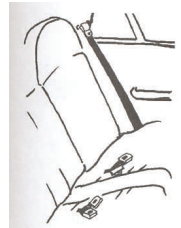


Lower anchors are a pair of small metal bars located where the lower seat cushion meets the seat back. They may be 1 to 3 inches behind the cushion. Hidden anchors are marked with a lower anchor symbol.

When using LATCH, always read and follow the vehicle owner's manual and the car safety seat instructions. Connect the child restraint to the lower anchors and tighten them while pushing down on the car seat. Connect the tether strap to the tether anchor

and then tighten. A tight car seat should not move any more than 1 inch side-to-side.

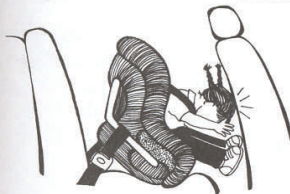
If the lower anchors do not hold the car seat tightly, use the vehicle's seat belt to install the car safety seat. Do not use both the seat belt and the lower anchor straps unless the instructions say it is okay to do so. Some vehicles have tether anchors, but no lower anchors. Tether straps are an



Why children need lower anchors

There are several types of incompatibility between CRs and safety belts. Belts anchored too far forward of the seat back (shown here) cannot hold a child restraint securely. Such safety belt designs, while effective for adults and older children, can hinder secure child restraint installation

Why children need tethers



Without a tether, forward motion of a child restraint in a severe crash could allow the child's head to strike the vehicle interior and cause serious injury.



With a top tether there is much less forward motion of the child restraint in a severe crash, reducing the risk of injury to the child.

important safety feature because they hold the top of a car seat back and help prevent serious head and neck injuries. Tether straps can be used either with the lower anchors or with a seat belt, but should never be used alone. Their use should be encouraged whenever possible.

Register That Car Seat

Although car safety seats must meet federal safety standards and must pass crash testing, it is possible that car seats could be recalled. In case of a recall, it is important that the manufacturer be able to contact owners so the seats can be repaired or replaced. Unfortunately, manufacturers report that only 27 percent of car seats are registered

Car seats can be registered by completing the card attached to new car seats or by calling the manufacturer (using the contact information listed on the car seat labels). Many car seat manufacturers have online registration, and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website, www.nhtsa.dot.gov, provides a registration form that can be printed and mailed.

Change of address also should be reported to manufacturers.

Since 1993, all car safety seat manufacturers must include a pre-addressed, postage-paid registration card with their car seats. The card must be printed with the model number and date of manufacture, so all the purchaser needs to do is fill in his or her name and address and mail the card. The card must be attached to the child restraint at a location where owners can see and handle it before they can buckle a child in the seat. Manufacturers are required to maintain registration records for at least six years from date of manufacture.

