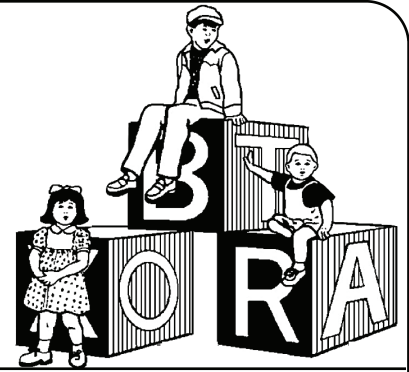


Building Blocks to Safety

A newsletter for prevention of childhood injuries



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Home Safety

The home is the second most common location of unintentional fatal injuries in the United States. The rates for injuries occurring in the home are highest among young children compared to other age groups. About 2½ million children are injured or killed due to hazards in the home each year. Their stages of physical development make them vulnerable population groups for fatal injury. Children may become injured while engaging

in normal exploratory behaviors, lacking the judgment to avoid dangers. They often experience more home injuries, in part because they spend more time in the home environment, compared to other age groups who spend large amounts of time at school and/or work.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, about 2,100 children younger than 15 die each year in the United States as a result of unintentional home injuries. The leading causes of these deaths are fires/burns, choking/suffocation, drowning/submersion, firearms and poisoning.

The following steps can help prevent these deaths and injuries from occurring:

- Put toxic substances out of the reach of children.
- Make sure smoke detectors work in your home.
- Store firearms in locked gun cabinets and ammunition in a different area from the gun.
- Practice safe cooking habits in and around the stove.
- Make sure children's toys are age appropriate
- Set the temperature of the hot-water heater to 120 degrees or less.
- Actively supervise children at all times.
- Child-proof your home.
- Use the Department of Health's *Home Safety Checklist* to do a safety evaluation of your home. A copy of the checklist is available at www.ndhealth.gov/injury or by calling 701.328.4536.



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

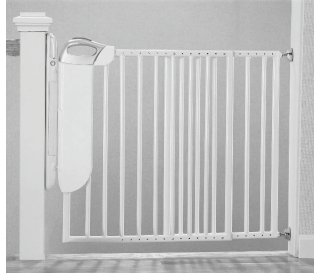
Stair Gates Recalled

Product: 100,000 Safety 1st Smart Light Stair Gates by Dorel Juvenile Group

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.

Description: The recall involves the Safety 1st SmartLight Stair Gate with model number 42111, which is printed on a sticker under the handle panel. The gates, which were manufactured before Dec. 31, 2007, are white metal with a gray handle and a motion sensor nightlight that illuminates on approach. The manufacture date is located below the gate's handle and is printed on a sticker inside the battery door.

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the recalled gate and contact the company to obtain a free repair kit. Consumers can call the toll-free number 866.690.2540, e-mail the company at Smartlightgate@djgusa.com, or send a fax to 800.207.8182 to receive a free repair kit. Consumers should not return product to retail stores.



Evenflo High Chairs Recalled

Product: 643,000 Evenflo Envision™ and 185,000 Evenflo Majestic™ high chairs

Hazard: Recline fasteners and metal screws on both sides of the high chair can loosen and fall out, allowing the seatback to detach or recline unexpectedly. Children can fall backwards or fall out of the high chair and suffer bumps and bruises to the head, abrasions, cuts and bruises. Detached hardware also poses a choking hazard to children.

Incidents/Injuries: Evenflo has received 320 reports of seatbacks detaching or reclining unexpectedly, resulting in 19 reports of bumps and bruises to the head and 35 reports of other injuries including abrasions, pinches and bruises.

Description: The recall involves all Evenflo Envision™ high chairs, including model numbers

2891321, 2891321A, 2891333, 2891351, 2891351A, 2891365, 2891375, 2891403, 2891403A, 2891466, 2891466A, 2891478, 2891536, 2891536A, 2891573, 2891586, 2892351 and 2892351A. The model number can be found on a white label on the seatback.

“Evenflo” and “Envision” are printed on the front of the tray. They were sold from December 2002 through April 2006.

The expanded recall involves Evenflo Majestic™ high chairs, model numbers 3001395, 3001395A, 3001604, 3001700, 3001713, 3001713A, 3001730A, 3001732, 3001733, 3001742, 3001742A, 3001756, 3001821A, 3001840A, 3001845, 3001848, 3001852, 3001932, 3002719 and 3003845 manufactured between Jan. 23, 2007, and Dec. 31, 2008. The model number and date of manufacture are located on a white label/sticker on the seatback. “Evenflo” is printed on the label and on

the front of the tray. Models showing a year of manufacture of 2009 in red ink are not included in the recall. The product was sold from January 2007 through March 2009.

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the recalled high chairs and contact Evenflo to receive a free repair kit. For more information, contact Evenflo at 800.233.5921 or visit the firm's website at www.evenflo.com.



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

www.cpsc.gov
www.ndhealth.gov

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Eddie Bauer Play Yards Recalled

Product: 71,000 Eddie Bauer Soothe & Sway Play Yards by Dorel Juvenile Group

Hazard: The play yard's rocking bassinet attachment can tilt even when secured by straps in the non-rocking mode or can stay tilted without returning to a level sleeping surface while in the rocking mode, causing an infant to roll to the corner or side of the bassinet. The infant can then become wedged in the corner or pressed against the side or bottom of the bassinet, posing a risk of suffocation or positional asphyxiation.

Incidents/Injuries: The firm and CPSC have received 10 reports of infants rolling to one side, including six who had their faces pressed against the side or the bottom of the bassinet. One child reportedly was turning purple and was out of breath when discovered.

Description: This recall involves Eddie Bauer Soothe & Sway portable play yards. The convertible play yard has a bassinet and changing station feature. A mobile with three teddy bears also was sold with the play yard. Models included in the recall are 05046 (all units) and 05044 units manufactured before Dec. 1, 2008.

Different models were sold in Canada. Model numbers and manufacture dates are printed on a sticker on one of the support legs underneath the play yard. Manufacture dates are printed in the YY/MM/DD format.

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the bassinet attachment of the play yard and contact Dorel

Juvenile Group for a \$40 voucher toward the purchase of a new Dorel product. Consumers can continue using the play yard. For more information, contact Dorel Juvenile Group toll-free at 888.233.4903 or visit the firm's website at www.djgusa.com.

Trampolines Recalled

Product: 60,000 13-foot Square Trampolines by Skywalker Holdings LLC

Hazard: The straps supporting the top of the trampoline's enclosure to the poles can fail. The enclosure could drop if these straps break, posing a risk that a user could fall from the trampoline.

Incidents/Injuries: Skywalker Holdings has received at least 250 reports of straps breaking.

Description: This recall involves the Skywalker



Holdings 13-foot Square Trampoline and Enclosure Combo. The unit has blue spring pads, a black net enclosure, and a jumping mat. "Skywalker Holdings" is printed on a label located under the jumping mat and on the enclosure net. The trampolines were sold from January 2007 through February 2009.

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the trampolines and contact Skywalker Holdings to obtain a free repair kit. For more information, contact Skywalker Holdings toll-free at 866.603.5867 or visit the company's website at www.skywalkertrampolines.com.

Aromatherapy-Making Kits Recalled

Product: About 516,000 Spa Factory™ Aromatherapy Fountain & Bath Benefits Kits by JAKKS Pacific

Hazard: Pressure from the buildup of carbon dioxide in the jars of Bath Bombs/Balls or Bath Fizzies can cause the caps on the jars to blow off, posing explosion and projectile hazards.

Incidents/Injuries: JAKKS and CPSC have received 88 reports of exploding jars, including 13 injuries.

Description: This recall involves the purple caps on jars in the Spa Factory™ Spa Fantasy Aromatherapy Fountain and the Bath Benefits™ Kit toys. The jars are used to make Bath Bombs/Balls and Bath Fizzies. The following models were sold from August 2008 through January 2009. The item number is located on the bottom of the product's packaging.



Model	Item Number
Spa Factory™ Bath Benefits™ Kit	37836
Spa Factory™ Deluxe Spa Fantasy Aromatherapy Fountain	37908
Spa Factory™ Spa Fantasy Aromatherapy Fountain	37837
Spa Factory™ Spa Fantasy Aromatherapy Fountain	54892
Spa Factory™ Spa Fantasy Aromatherapy Fountain	54857

Remedy: Consumers should take the toy's jars and caps away from children and contact JAKKS for free replacement jar caps with vent holes. For more information, contact JAKKS toll-free at 877.875.2557, visit the firm's website at www.myspafactory.com, or e-mail the firm at caps@jakks.net.

Unsafe Cribs Recalled

Product: About 535,000 Stork Craft Cribs (including 92,000 with the Fisher-Price logo) by Stork Craft Manufacturing

Hazard: The metal support brackets used to support the crib mattress and mattress board can crack and break. When one or more support brackets break, the mattress can collapse and create a dangerous gap between the mattress and crib rails in which a child can become entrapped and suffocate.

Incidents/Injuries: CPSC is aware of 10 incidents in which one or more mattress support brackets broke. CPSC received a report of a toddler who sustained bruises to his forehead. In another incident, a child reportedly became entrapped in the gap between the mattress and the drop side rail with no injury.

Description: This recall involves Stork Craft Baby cribs and Stork Craft cribs with the Fisher-Price logo. All Stork Craft Baby cribs with manufacturing and distribution dates between May 2000 and November 2008 are included in this recall. All Stork Craft cribs with the Fisher-Price logo have distribution dates between May 2000 and December 2004.

Remedy: CPSC urges parents and caregivers to stop using the recalled cribs and find an alternative, safe sleeping environment for their baby. Consumers should contact Stork Craft to receive a free



replacement kit with new mattress support brackets. Contact Stork Craft toll-free at 866.361.3321 to order the free replacement kit or log on to www.storkcraft.com.

Evenflo Activity Centers Recalled

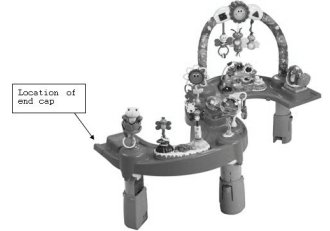
Product: About 213,000 Evenflo Activity Centers

Hazard: When used as an activity table, the cap on one end of the product can loosen and fall off, posing a fall hazard to a young child.

Incidents/Injuries: Evenflo has received 11 reports of dislodged end caps that resulted in nine minor injuries, including bumps and bruises.

Description: The recall involves Evenflo ExerSaucer Triple Fun stationary activity centers made between October 2006 and December 2008. The model number is 6231711. Stage 3 position involves converting the product into an activity table.

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the activity table in Stage 3 and contact Evenflo to receive a free replacement end cap. The product may continue to be used in Stages 1 and 2 without changes. For more information, contact Evenflo at 800.233.5921 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit the firm's website at www.exersaucertriplefun.com.

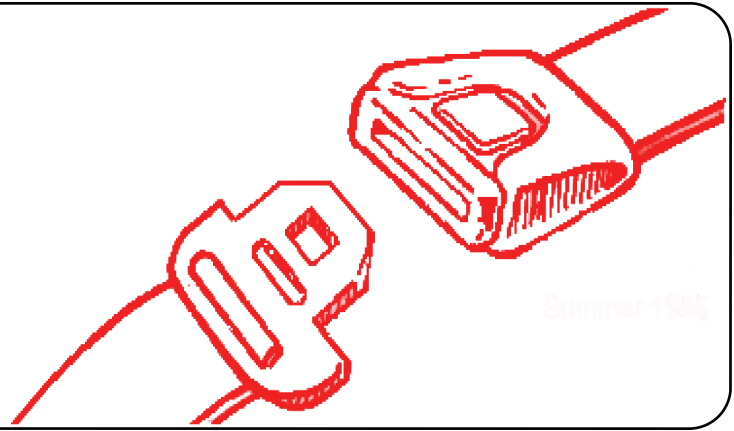


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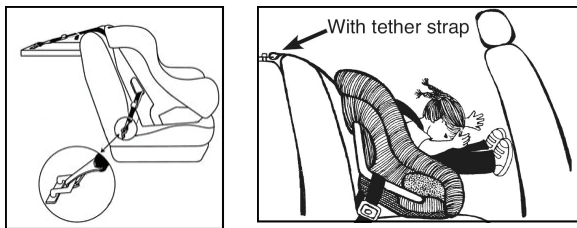


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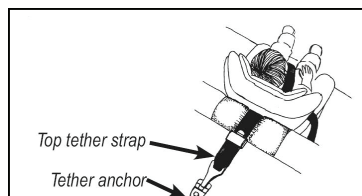


A Tether Is Always Better

What's that strap hanging out of the back of my car seat? That is a question commonly asked by parents at car seat checkups. The strap is a top tether, and its purpose is to hold the top of a forward-facing car seat back, limiting head movement in the event of a crash. A tether strap adds extra protection and helps prevent serious head and neck injuries.



Use of a tether involves two parts. The car seat has a strap with a hook and adjuster, and the vehicle has an anchor, usually a metal piece with a hole for the tether hook. If a forward-facing car seat has a tether strap and the vehicle has tether anchors, parents should always attach the strap.



Almost all 2001 and newer vehicles have tether anchors. Many vehicle manufacturers use this symbol (at right) to show where tether anchors are installed. Sometimes tether anchors are identified easily, but in some vehicles, it is more difficult to locate them. In sedans, tether anchors are usually in the shelf (filler panel) behind the back seat. In station wagons or hatchbacks, they may be in the cargo area, on the back of the vehicle seat, or above or below the rear door. For vans or SUVs, anchors are usually on the back or bottom of the vehicle seat or in the cargo area. Anchors in pickup trucks generally are found behind the seat back on the back wall of the cab.



All anchors do not look the same. They may be a metal bar, bracket or ring, and some may be a loop of webbing. Many anchors are under plastic covers marked with the tether anchor symbol. ALWAYS read the vehicle owner's manual before attaching a tether strap.

Child Passenger Safety Technician Training Offered

The North Dakota Department of Health is sponsoring a training to certify individuals as child passenger safety technicians. The class provides participants with the technical skills and knowledge to assist families with correct use of their child restraints. The course will be held in Dickinson Aug. 17 through 20, 2009.

For more information, contact Dawn Mayer, North Dakota Department of Health, at drmayer@nd.gov or 800.472.2286.



Tips for Safe Airplane Travel With Children

Most children are buckled up every time they ride in a car, but parents don't always recognize the risk to unrestrained children in an airplane. Airline tickets are not required for children younger than 2, so these children often ride on the lap



of an adult. On an airplane, young children should be buckled up in an FAA-approved car seat for many reasons. Turbulence is common, happens without warning and can cause serious injuries to people not buckled up. Many plane crashes are survivable, and buckling up helps avoid injury so you can escape. Parents and children are more likely to have a happier flight if the child is in a familiar, comfortable car seat. The car seat you use on the plane will be ready to use at the end of the flight. Car seats can be lost or damaged when checked.

Safe Ride News offers the following tips for airplane travel with children:

- Buy a ticket for children younger than 2, so your child will have an assigned seat. If you decide not to buy a ticket, travel during times when planes are not full. You may be able to use your car seat in an empty seat.
- Use a car seat that fits your child and that has a label saying it is certified for use in aircraft. Only rear-facing and forward-facing car seats with harnesses are allowed. Booster seats are not allowed because a lap and shoulder belt is required for their use.
- Car seats should be used in window seats or center seats. They are not allowed in exit rows or rows behind and in front of exit rows.
- For best fit in airplanes, use a car seat fewer than 16 inches wide.
- If two adults are traveling, check with the airline to see if one adult can board early and install the car seat. The child can play in the boarding area with the other adult and board later.
- Bring a pacifier or bottle filled with water. Sucking helps keep a baby's ears from hurting during take-off and landing.

- Bring diapers, wipes, snacks, books and quiet toys.
- When making flight connections, arrange with airlines in advance for help getting children, car seats and carry-ons to the next flight.

Car Seat Recalls

Triple Play Products: Sit 'n' Stroll convertible seat, model 4002, manufactured May 5, 2008. Harness adjuster webbing fails to meet strength requirements and may cause child to be improperly restrained in a crash. Call 800.829.1625 for replacement harness adjuster strap.



Recaro: Como convertible seat, all models made Nov. 1, 2007, through Feb. 16, 2009. Harness may not tighten or lock properly. In a crash, the child may not be restrained securely and could be injured. Inspect the seat by taking empty seat and pulling on harness adjuster strap to fully tighten harness. Next, pull on both shoulder straps without lifting or pressing the harness release lever. If straps loosen, immediately stop using the seat and call 888.473.2290 for replacement. If harness straps stay tight, continue using the seat.



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