

May 10, 2000

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RE: Information you asked for

I am sending you press releases about the Cosco tandem stroller recall and seven other recent civil penalty cases. As you suggested, we are preparing a fact sheet about these (and maybe other) cases for the press packet.

In addition, you asked for some statistics. Here is what we have so far:

1. There are, on average, 22,000 deaths and 29.5 million injuries each year related to consumer products under CPSC jurisdiction.

10%, or about 2,200, of the deaths are to children under age 15.

32%, or over 9 million, of the injuries are to children under age 15.

2. In the last 2 ½ years (since Oct. 1, 1997), CPSC has obtained over 150 recalls of children's products involving 86 million individual products.

Later this morning, I should have the statistics on the percent of recalls that originated with a report from a manufacturer – I will fax that to you when I have it.

Talk to you soon (I am sure).

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Black & Decker Agrees to Pay Civil Penalty of \$575,000 for Failing to Report Toaster Defect to CPSC

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) announced today that Black & Decker (U.S.) Inc., of Towson, Md., will pay a civil penalty of \$575,000 - one of the largest ever paid to the agency. The penalty resolves charges that the company's Spacemaker T1000 Type 1 Horizontal Under-the-Cabinet Toasters contained defects, and that the firm failed to report the problem to the agency in a timely manner as required by law.

CPSC also charged that Black & Decker withheld consumer complaint information and important engineering documents during CPSC's investigation.

Although the company agreed to the civil penalty, Black & Decker denied the charges and that it violated the law.

The Spacemaker T1000 Type 1 is a horizontal toaster installed under a kitchen cabinet. The toasters, still under recall, can allow food to catch fire. Because they have a door that automatically opens and a food rack that extends outward, flames from the food can escape the unit, exposing kitchen cabinets and their contents to the fire. The toasters were sold from 1994 through 1996 for about \$50 to \$64. Consumers can identify the recalled toaster because they are the only Spacemaker Toasters that have an "OPEN" button. The "OPEN" button is located on the control panel on the right side of the toaster.

Black & Decker has received more than 1,000 complaints of food fires with the Type 1 toaster - 12 involving burn injuries and about 850 involving property damage. Consumers should stop using the Spacemaker T1000 Type 1 Under-the-Cabinet Toaster immediately and contact Black & Decker at (800) 746-2159 to participate in the recall. For more information, call Black & Decker or access their web site at: www.blackanddecker.com/household/.

The Spacemaker T1000 Type 2 toaster does not open automatically and is not part of the recall.

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CPSC, Black & Decker Settle Toaster Lawsuit; Improve Recall Remedy

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and The Black & Decker Corp. announced today the resolution of CPSC's administrative Complaint against Black & Decker and an improved nationwide recall of the Spacemaker Optima Model T1000 Type 1 Horizontal Toasters. In its Complaint, CPSC alleged that Black & Decker's unilateral recall announcement of October 27, 1997, did not go far enough in notifying the public of the recall or the potential fire hazard associated with the toasters, and the consumer remedy was not adequate. In its Answer, Black & Decker denied the allegations contained in the administrative Complaint. After the Complaint and Answer were filed, CPSC and Black & Decker began working cooperatively to modify and improve Black & Decker's original recall program.

Black & Decker is improving its recall by offering consumers their choice of a free Spacemaker Optima Toaster or other selected replacement product instead of a coupon toward the purchase of a product. Consumers who have already contacted Black & Decker about the toaster recall and used a coupon to purchase another product will now be able to select from a list of replacement Black & Decker products, also for free. Extensive measures are underway to get word of the risk and new remedy to consumers.

The toasters are being recalled because they can allow food to catch on fire, and when the toaster door automatically opens and the food rack extends beyond the door, flames from the food can escape the unit and expose kitchen cabinets and their contents to the fire. When the unilateral recall was first announced, the firm reported 242 incidents. Now Black & Decker has received 1,066 food fire complaints involving these toasters; 656 of these involved property damage ranging from kitchen cabinet damage to one kitchen fire. Eight burn injuries have been reported.

Of approximately 234,000 toasters sold, to date only about 19,000 consumers have participated in the unilateral recall announced last October.

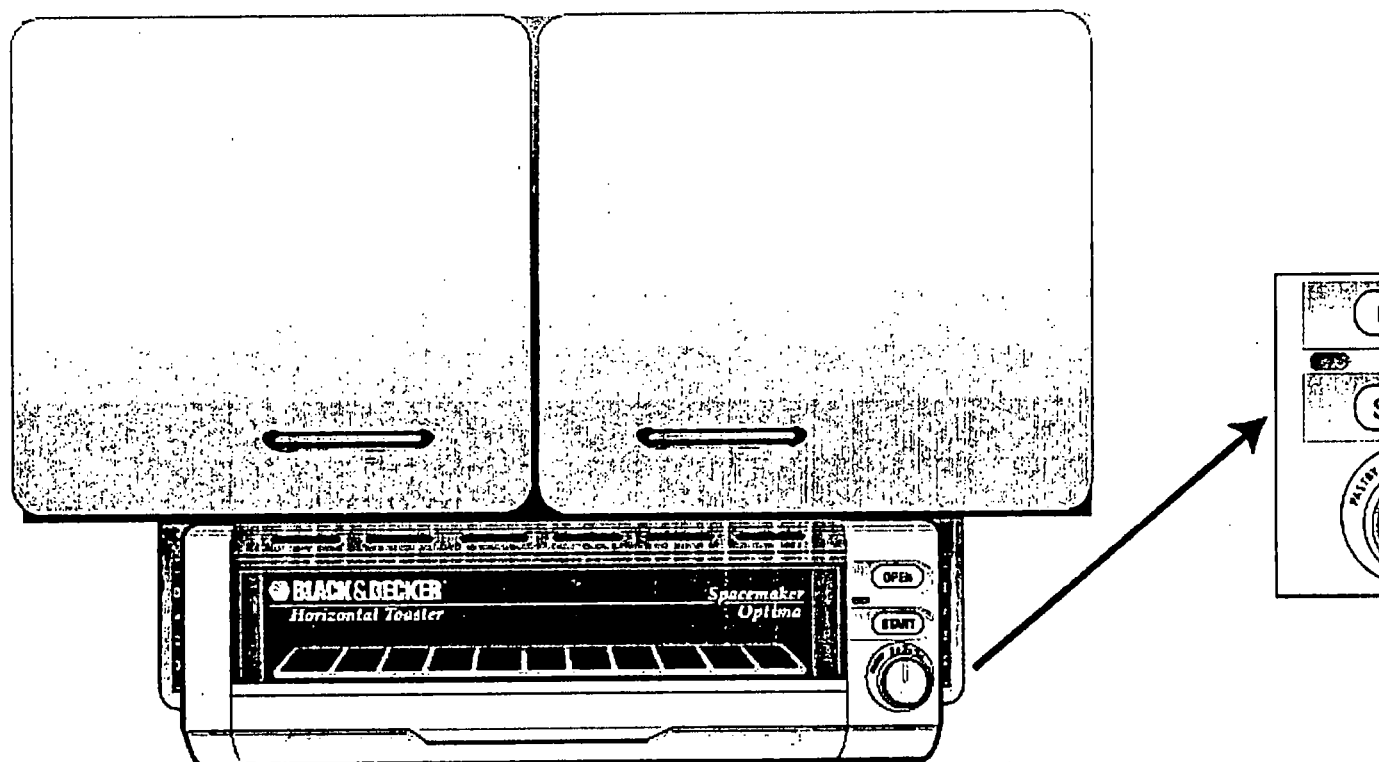
The Black & Decker Spacemaker Optima T1000 Type 1 Horizontal Toasters were sold through retail stores nationwide from 1994 through 1996 for about \$50 to \$64. Consumers can easily identify these recalled toasters because they are the only Spacemaker Optima Toasters that have an "OPEN" button. This "OPEN" button is located on the right side of the control panel. The words "Black & Decker...Spacemaker...Horizontal Toaster...Optima" appear on the toaster door. "MODEL NO. T1000 TY1" is stamped on the back of the toaster. Date codes 405 through 504 appear on the outer prong of the plug blade.

Consumers should stop using these toasters immediately, and contact Black & Decker at (800) 746-2159 between 7 a.m. and midnight EDT Monday through Friday and between 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. EDT Saturday and Sunday.

Black & Decker is expanding its efforts to notify consumers by mailing letters directly to consumers, purchasing advertising, providing retailers with new safety notices for in-store displays and posting recall information on its web site. Black & Decker is issuing this press release to media outlets nationwide and broadcasting video by satellite so that local television stations can report on this recall announcement by showing the product and the potential fire hazard.

To ensure that the improved recall runs smoothly, Black & Decker also has set up and staffed a special toll-free hotline for consumers to call to participate in this recall.

CPSC believes that for a recall to be effective, people need to know about it and be moved to act on it. CPSC asks companies to use appropriate resources to make sure the public is aware of the hazard associated with a recalled product. With this program, CPSC believes that Black & Decker is now being more aggressive in its attempt to obtain an effective recall. CPSC and Black & Decker, by this modified and improved recall program announced today, strive to ensure that the public is well aware of the risk associated with the toaster. They urge consumers to act quickly and call Black & Decker to participate in the improved recall.



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Baby's Dream Furniture Pays \$200,000 for Delay in Reporting Crib Defect to CPSC

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) announced today that Baby's Dream Furniture Inc., of Buena Vista, Ga., agreed to pay a \$200,000 civil penalty. The penalty resolves charges that the company violated the Consumer Product Safety Act by failing to timely report defects with its "Generation" oak model cribs.

CPSC alleges that Baby's Dream Furniture failed to report in a timely manner that its drop gate hinge design (a hinged top rail that folds down, rather than a side rail that slides down, providing access to baby) can trap and sever a baby's fingertips. Baby's Dream received nine reports of amputation, laceration and crushing of the fingertips associated with this problem before it reported to CPSC. Eight of the injuries were to babies and one was to an adult.

About 13,000 of these cribs were sold nationwide from December 1994 through June 1997 for \$500 to \$700. The crib can be adapted to a youth or adult bed.

Baby's Dream recalled the Generation oak model crib in February 1998 and offered a free repair kit that contained a new hinge. Consumers using the Generation oak model crib with the original hinge should stop using the crib immediately, and call Baby's Dream toll-free at (800) 835-2742 to order the free repair kit.

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CPSC, Baby's Dream Furniture Announce Recall to Repair Cribs

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Baby's Dream Furniture Inc. of Buena Vista, Ga., is recalling about 13,000 Generation oak cribs for repair. The cribs have a drop gate (a rail that folds down) on the front of the crib, rather than a rail that slides up and down. A baby's fingers can be trapped in the folding drop gate and injured.

Baby's Dream has received eight reports of babies' fingers being trapped in the drop gate, including seven reports of severe lacerations and one report of an adult's finger being injured.

Baby's Dream is offering consumers a free repair kit, consisting of a new brass piano-style hinge for the entire length of the drop gate to replace the original four smaller hinges. The new hinge closes the space between the lower section of the crib rail and the top section that folds down.

Only Generation full-size oak cribs with the identifying cut numbers 194 through 1897 are subject to this recall. The cut number is printed next to the word "Generation" on a label attached to the lower rail of the crib's back frame.

Independent juvenile furniture stores nationwide sold the cribs from December 1994 through June 1997 for about \$500 to \$700.

Consumers should immediately lock the drop gate of these cribs in the closed position and call Baby's Dream toll-free at (888) 866-4217 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. EST Monday through Friday for the free repair kit and installation instructions. Consumers should not use the drop gate until the new hinge is installed. Consumers also can receive the repair kit by writing to Generation Crib Recall, Baby's Dream Furniture Inc., P.O. Box 579, Buena Vista, GA 31803-0579.



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Hasbro Pays \$400,000 Civil Penalty for Delay in Reporting Infant Carrier Defect

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) announced today that Hasbro Inc., of Pawtucket, R.I., paid a \$400,000 civil penalty to settle allegations that it violated the Consumer Product Safety Act by failing to timely report defects with its "PLAYSKOOL baby FOLD'N TRAVEL" infant carriers. Playskool Baby is a division of Hasbro.

CPSC alleges that Hasbro failed to report in a timely manner that the carrier's handle locking mechanism could fail, causing the seat to flip forward and infants to fall to the ground. Hasbro received nine injury reports, including seven serious head injuries, before it reported to CPSC. In agreeing to settle this matter, Hasbro denies that the product contained a defect and that Hasbro violated any law.

About 38,500 of these carriers were sold nationwide from 1991 to June 1993 for approximately \$35. The infant carrier has a sleeping, sitting and rocking position and a handle for carrying baby out and about. Each carrier has the words "PLAYSKOOL baby FOLD'N TRAVEL" on a label where the handle connects to the seat.

Hasbro recalled the "PLAYSKOOL baby FOLD'N TRAVEL" carriers in 1996. Consumers still can participate in the recall by calling Hasbro toll-free at (800) 752-9755 anytime to receive a full \$35 refund. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission protects the public from the unreasonable risk of injury or death from 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, you can go to [CPSC's forms page](#) and use the first on-line form on that page. Or, you can call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270, or send the information to info@cpsc.gov. To order a press release through fax-on-demand, call (301) 504-0051 from the handset of your fax machine and enter the release number. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information from CPSC's web site at www.cpsc.gov or by calling the hotline or sending your request to info@cpsc.gov. You can also subscribe to CPSC's [email subscription list](#) which normally sends all press releases the day they are issued.

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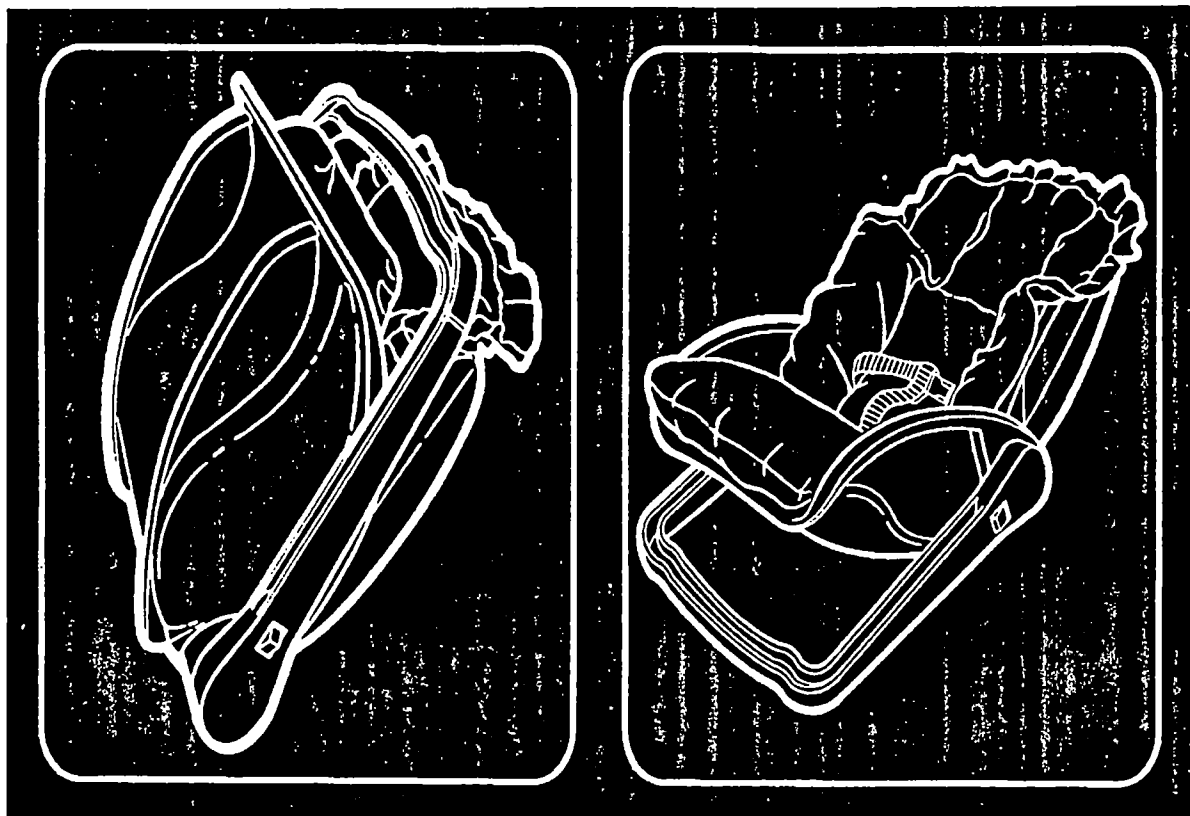
CPSC and Playskool Baby Announce Recall of Playskool Baby Fold N' Travel Infant Carrier

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Playskool Baby, Inc. of Northvale, N.J., is voluntarily recalling approximately 38,000 "Fold N' Travel" infant carriers because infants may fall out of the carrier.

Playskool has received 10 reports of children falling from the carrier, including reports of seven infants who suffered serious head injuries.

The lightweight plastic infant carriers, measuring about 17 inches long when folded and about 26 inches long when fully extended, were available in blue or teal with either a fabric or vinyl pad (model numbers 100, 101, 102, 103). Consumers adjust the carrier to any of three positions, rocker, feeder, or sleeper, by pushing the buttons located on each side of the carrier's handle near where the handle attaches to the carrier. The product can be folded by squeezing levers located underneath the carrier.

Children's products retailers sold the Fold N' Travel carriers nationwide from April 1991 through 1993 for approximately \$35.00.



Consumers who own Fold N' Travel infant carriers should stop using them immediately and return the carriers to Playskool or to the store where purchased, for a full refund. To receive pre-paid shipping materials and for information on returning the carriers, consumers should call Playskool at (800) 447-7707.

Playskool stopped manufacturing Fold N' Travel infant carriers in April 1993.

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Shimano to Pay \$150,000 Civil Penalty for Alleged Delay in Reporting Defect with Bicycle Cranks

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) announced today that Shimano American Corp., of Irvine, Calif., has agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$150,000 to settle allegations that it violated the Consumer Product Safety Act by failing to report in a timely manner a defect with its FC-CT90, FC-M290 and FC-MC12 bicycle cranks.

CPSC alleges that Shimano failed to report that these three models of bicycle cranks, which were manufactured between March 1994 and May 1995 and incorporated into 49 brands of bicycles, could break suddenly. The crank is used to connect the pedal to the frame of the bike. If the crank breaks, the rider's leg can be injured by contact with the broken crank, or the rider can lose control of the bike, fall and be injured. CPSC alleges that Shimano knew of cranks breaking, resulting in 22 injuries, before it reported to CPSC.

In agreeing to settle this matter, Shimano denies that the bicycle cranks were defective. Shimano also denies that it violated the reporting requirements of the Consumer Product Safety Act.

Shimano announced a voluntary recall of more than 1 million bicycle cranks on July 1, 1997.

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CPSC, Shimano Announce Recall of Bicycle Components

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Shimano American Corp. of Irvine, Calif., is voluntarily recalling more than 1 million cranks installed on bicycles in North America. The crank is used to connect the pedal to the frame of the bike. If the crank breaks, the rider's leg can be injured by contact with the broken crank or the rider can lose control of the bike, fall and be injured.

Shimano has received more than 630 reports of cranks breaking in North America resulting in 22 injuries, including cuts and fractures.

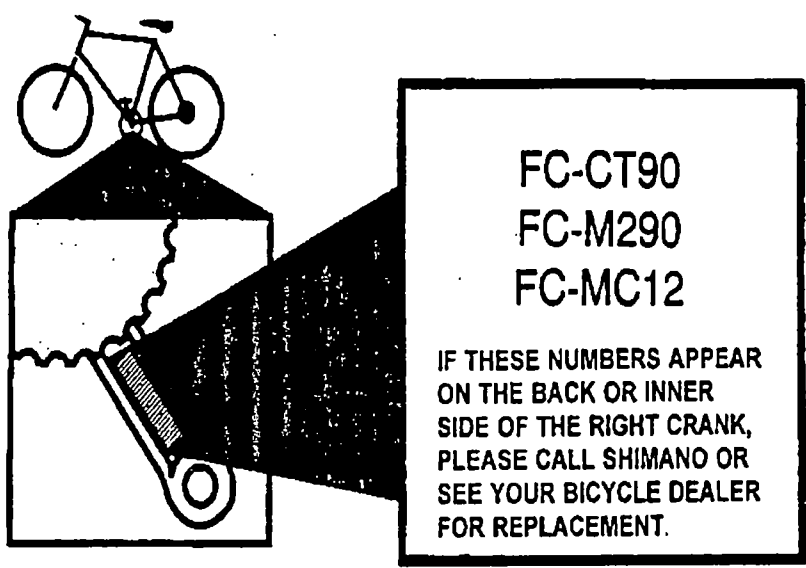
The cranks have been installed on more than 200 models of bicycles manufactured since 1994 and sold under at least 49 brand names. Most bicycle manufacturers have sold bicycles that are involved in this recall. The cranks also may have been installed as an upgrade as part of the Altus, Acera and Alivio groups of components. The cranks are numbered FC-CT90, FC-M290 and FC-MC12. These numbers are located on the back or inner side of the right crank arm.

Consumers should check their bicycles' crank assemblies. If they are involved in this recall, consumers should stop using their bicycles immediately and call Shimano at 800-353-4719 to arrange for the free replacement and installation of a new crank assembly at a nearby authorized repair shop. Consumers can also arrange for the free replacement with their bicycle dealers.

List of 49 bicycle brands that may have installed Shimano cranks:

Alpinestar	Iron Horse	Norco	Specialized
Balance	Jamis	Novara	Schwinn
Bianchi	Kona	Oryx	Scott
Caloi	L.L. Bean	Parkpre	Signature
Cannondale	Marin	Pavan	Softride
Cycle Pro	Maxam	Performance	Terry Precision
Diamondback	Mikado	Peugeot	Timberline
Dirt Research	Mongoose	Proflex	Trek
Fisher	Mtn. Tek	Raleigh	Univega
Fuji	Motiv	Research Dynamics	Victoria Precision
GT	Murray	Roadmaster	
Giant	Nashbar	Ross	
Huffy	Nishiki	Royce Union	

Other brands also may have installed Shimano cranks. Consumers should check their bicycles.



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Century Products to Pay \$225,000 Civil Penalty

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) announced today that Century Products Company of Macedonia, Ohio, has agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$225,000 to settle allegations that it violated the Consumer Product Safety Act by failing to report in a timely manner defects with certain cribs and strollers.

CPSC alleges that Century, through its Okla Homer Smith crib division, failed to report in a timely manner that the side slats of certain cribs were partially or completely coming apart from the side rails and creating a space capable of entrapping and asphyxiating an infant. Century had received reports of a death and five other nonfatal entrapment incidents associated with this problem before Century reported to CPSC. CPSC further alleges that Century failed to report in a timely manner that certain strollers had defects in their folding locks and restraint buckles, which could cause an infant to fall out and be injured. Century had received 560 reports from consumers about these problems, including 29 injuries, before Century reported to CPSC.

In agreeing to settle this matter, Century denies that it knowingly violated the reporting requirements of the Consumer Product Safety Act.

Century recalled the strollers on April 16, 1997, and recalled the cribs on February 10, 1995.

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CPSC, Okla Homer Smith Furniture Announce Crib Side Rail Recall

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Okla Homer Smith Furniture Manufacturing Company of Fort Smith, Ark., is recalling and replacing drop side rails that have missing or loose slats on certain models of its cribs. A child's head can get caught in the loose or missing slats, presenting an entrapment hazard.

In September 1993, a child died in an Okla Homer Smith crib with a missing slat that was used in a homeless shelter. The company has received additional complaints of loose or missing slats, a few of which have resulted in minor injuries (scratches and bruises) to children.

The following models of cribs manufactured between April 1992 and December 1993 may have missing or loose side rail slats: 30562, 80005, 80007, 80010, 80012, 80023, 80029, 80035, 80038, 80054, 80056, 80057, 80068, 80090. About 278,000 cribs, sold nationwide at mass merchandise and juvenile specialty stores for about \$100 are subject to this recall.

Consumers should check the bottom of the crib headboard below the mattress for the model number and manufacture date. Owners of cribs with the above models should check the drop side rail slats to make sure the slats are secure. If the rail slats are missing or feel loose, consumers should contact the company to arrange for a free drop side rail replacement or retrofit kit.

DO NOT USE A CRIB WITH MISSING SLATS. Consumers owning cribs subject to this recall are urged to call the company for a free retrofit kit to make sure the slats remain secure.

For more information, consumers should call 800-544-1108 (COSCO, which is handling the customer service for this recall) or write Okla Homer Smith Furniture Manufacturing Company, P.O. Box 1148, 416 South Fifth Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901.

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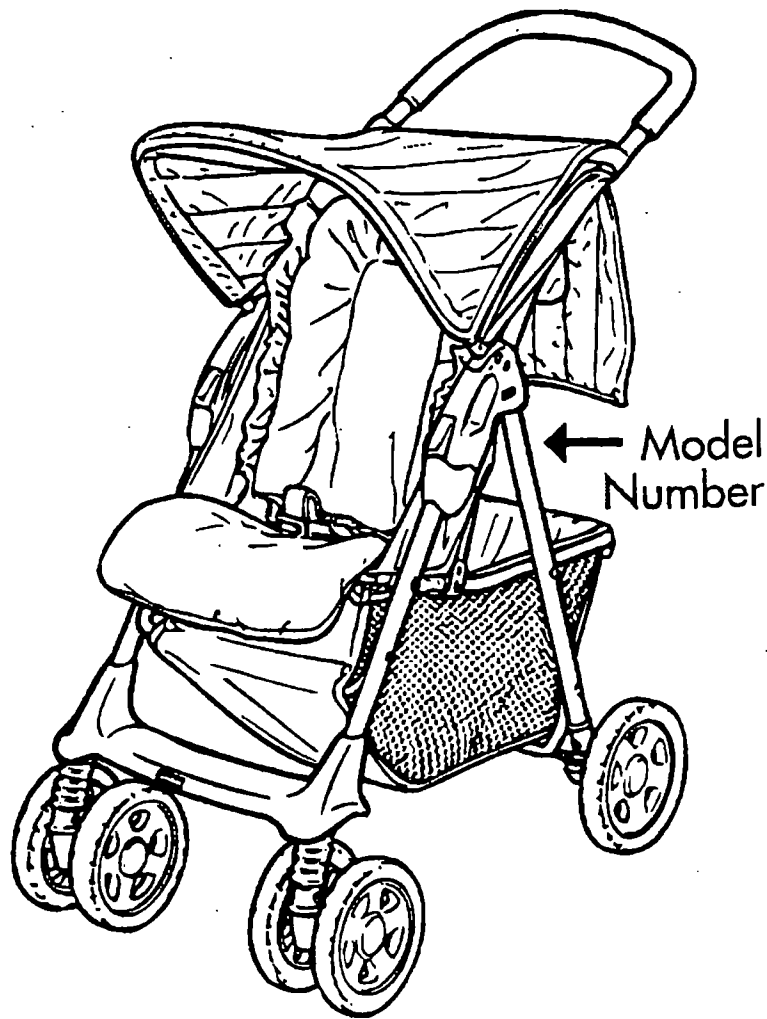
CPSC, Century Announce Recall to Repair Travelite SPORT Strollers

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Century Products Co. of Macedonia, Ohio, is voluntarily providing a free repair kit for about 166,000 Century Travelite SPORT strollers. Certain models of these strollers have restraint buckles that could unlatch and fold locks that could break causing the stroller to fold unexpectedly if the front wheels of the stroller hit a curb or other stationary object. If the restraint buckle unlatches or the fold locks fail, a child could fall out of the stroller and be injured.

Century has received approximately 1,400 reports from consumers about these problems, including 78 injuries, such as bumps and bruises.

Century is offering consumers a free repair kit to prevent strollers from folding unintentionally and to prevent the restraint buckle from unlatching. Consumers will receive instructions with the kit for making the repairs at home.

The strollers needing repair are Century Travelite SPORT strollers with model numbers 11-171, 11-181, or 11-191. These strollers were made from February 1995 through October 1995. The model number and date manufactured are located on the side tubing of the stroller.



Department, juvenile products, and discount stores nationwide sold these strollers beginning in February 1995 for about \$60 to \$80.

Consumers should immediately stop using these strollers and call Century toll-free at 1-800-944-0039 for a free repair kit with installation instructions. Consumers may also request the free repair kit by writing to Century Products Co., 9600 Valley View Rd., Macedonia, OH 44056.

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Safety 1st to Pay \$175,000 Civil Penalty for Delay in Reporting Defect With Toddler Bed Rails

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) announced today that Safety 1st of Chestnut Hill, Mass., has agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$175,000 to settle allegations that it violated the Consumer Product Safety Act by failing to report in a timely manner a defect with the Safekeeper toddler bed rails, sold with detachable flash lights.

CPSC alleges that Safety 1st failed to report in a timely manner that the model 177 toddler bed rail's support bars can separate from the rail, allowing a child to fall from the bed. Safety 1st says it received 27 reports of injuries associated with these bed rails before it reported to CPSC. About 191,000 of these bed rails were sold between January 1994 and June 1995.

In agreeing to settle this matter, Safety 1st denies that the product was defective. It also denies that it knowingly violated the reporting requirements of the Consumer Product Safety Act because the company did, ultimately, file a report.

Safety 1st recalled the model 177 bed rails on November 16, 1995, and replaced them with the redesigned model 177A. Consumers who still own the model 177 bed rail should call Safety 1st at (800) 366-1282 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. EDT Monday through Friday to receive a replacement.

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J.B.I. Inc. Pays Civil Penalty

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) announced today that it has reached a \$225,000 settlement with J.B.I. Inc. of Long Beach, California concerning J.B.I.'s alleged knowing failure to report information under the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA). The CPSA requires firms to report to the CPSC information reasonably supporting the conclusion that a product contains a defect which could create a substantial hazard or creates an unreasonable risk of serious injury or death.

J.B.I. manufactured Tug-N-Turn playground equipment exclusively for and together with a fast food restaurant operator. The Tug-N-Turns were installed at the fast food restaurants nationwide between 1982 and 1987. In cooperation with the CPSC's investigation, J.B.I. submitted information showing that it became aware of approximately 70 reports of injuries involving the Tug-N-Turn between 1982 and 1991, at least 40 of which involved leg or ankle fractures. These injuries occurred when children's shoe laces and clothing became entangled on hardware protruding from the stationary center column of Tug-N-Turns that J.B.I. alleges were improperly installed or maintained. While J.B.I. voluntarily took significant actions, without success, to remedy the problems, the company did not report to the Commission.

In signing the settlement agreement, J.B.I. denies that the Tug-N-Turn was unreasonably dangerous or defective and states that it is unaware of any instance where a child was injured as a result of protruding hardware in a properly installed and maintained Tug-N-Turn unit. J.B.I. further states that it was unaware of the reporting requirements of the CPSA and denies that it ever "knowingly" failed to report to the Commission.

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Cosco Agrees to Pay CPSC Civil Penalty

WASHINGTON, D.C. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) announced today that it has accepted a \$725,000 civil penalty from Cosco Inc. of Columbus, Ind., to settle cases involving the failure to report serious safety hazards presented by the company's toddler beds and guardrails. In two lawsuits in federal court in Indianapolis, CPSC and the U.S. Department of Justice charged the juvenile products manufacturer with failing to report dozens of incidents of children becoming trapped in the headboards or footboards of its toddler beds, or in guardrails sold with the beds and separately. These products have been recalled and redesigned to correct the safety hazards.

Under the Consumer Product Safety Act, companies are required to report to CPSC products having a defect that could create a substantial risk of injury to the public. Spaces in the headboards and footboards of the Cosco toddler beds, and spaces created by Cosco guardrails used with the beds, were large enough for part of a child's body to pass through but small enough to create a strangulation hazard for the child.

"We will go to court whenever necessary to enforce laws that keep our children safe. Companies that make children's products have a special responsibility to assure product safety," said CPSC Chairman Ann Brown.

Cosco denied that it acted improperly, but has represented that it will take steps to assure that it meets its reporting obligations in the future. Chairman Brown said "we welcome Cosco's commitment to report safety issues to CPSC."

The settlement, one of the highest in the commission's 23-year history, also resolves allegations that Cosco failed to report a safety hazard associated with one of its crib models. The CPSC was investigating a possible case involving crib slats that could disengage from the crib side rails. Missing crib slats in any crib present a serious risk to infants who could strangle in an opening that is larger than 2 and three-eighths inches wide (roughly the diameter of a soda can) or fall out of the crib. The crib model involved has been recalled and redesigned to correct these safety hazards.

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COSCO Sued For Not Reporting Hazardous Toddler Beds

WASHINGTON, D.C. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission announced today that with the Department of Justice it is suing Cosco Inc. of Columbus, Ind., for failing to report to the agency dozens of consumer complaints of serious safety hazards with the company's toddler beds and guardrails. CPSC has filed two lawsuits in U.S. District Court in Indianapolis seeking up to \$2.5 million in civil penalties, the maximum amount permitted by law.

CPSC and DOJ are alleging that Cosco, a juvenile products manufacturer, knew of at least 25 cases it did not report to the agency of children becoming trapped in the headboards or footboards of the company's toddler beds. Under the Consumer Product Safety Act, companies are required to report to CPSC products that have a defect that could create a substantial risk of injury to the public. In the Cosco case, spaces in the headboards and footboards of the toddler beds were large enough for part of a child's body to pass through but small enough to create a strangulation hazard for the child.

Cosco did not report problems it knew of with the hazardous toddler beds to CPSC until December 1991 when the company learned that a 15-month-old toddler from New York State strangled to death in a Cosco bed, while attempting to exit the bed feet-first through the foot frame, according to court documents. Beginning in February 1991 and before the toddler's death, Cosco had received the 25 complaints from parents who had found their children trapped in the headboards or footboards of the beds.

Cosco is also charged with failing to report incidents of children becoming trapped in Cosco guardrails that were sold with the toddler beds and separately as accessories. According to a companion case filed simultaneously with the toddler bed case, Cosco received dozens of consumer complaints about the guardrails in 1992 and 1993. CPSC has also charged Cosco with neglecting to report these complaints with the guardrails even while the company was working with CPSC to recall the hazardous toddler beds. CPSC had to specifically ask Cosco for an accounting of complaints with the guardrails.

"The safety of children often depends on companies meeting their legal obligations to tell CPSC of potential safety problems with their products," said CPSC Chairman Ann Brown. "It is inexcusable for a manufacturer of toddler beds, which receives numerous safety complaints from consumers, to ignore its responsibilities."

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Cosco Recalls Two-Rod Guard Rails For Toddler Beds; Asphyxiation Risk Cited

PRODUCT: Approximately 75,000 Cosco Youth Options Toddler Bed Guard Rails, #10T71 (sold separately) and toddler bed guard rails sold as part of Cosco Toddler Beds, #10T23 and #10T33.

The high gloss metal toddler bed guard rails are red, white, or blue. The rail has a 3/4-inch tubular metal frame with two thin horizontal metal rods within the frame. Cosco toddler bed guard rails with three thin horizontal metal rods within the frame, as well as guard rails for full size beds, are not involved in this recall.

PROBLEM: Entrapment in the guard rail may create a risk of asphyxiation.

WHAT TO DO: Consumers owning a guard rail with two thin horizontal rods within the guard rail frame should call (800) Cosco-14 or (800) 267-2614 to obtain a free modification kit.

WASHINGTON, DC -- In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Cosco, Inc., Columbus, Indiana, is voluntarily recalling some of its toddler bed guard rails. The recalled guard rails have a 3/4-inch tubular metal frame and two thin horizontal rods within the frame. The metal toddler bed guard rails were sold as part of Cosco tubular metal toddler beds (model 10T23 and 10T33) and also sold separately as Cosco model 10T71. Cosco toddler bed guard rails with three thin horizontal rods within the bed rail frame, and Cosco bed rails for full size beds, are not involved in this recall. The two-rod version being recalled was manufactured between August 1, 1991 and June 10, 1992. They were sold in stores nationwide during that period and for a while thereafter.

Cosco two-rod toddler bed guard rails, in some circumstances, allow a space to be created between the lowest rod, the toddler bed mattress frame and the mattress. A child can become entrapped in this space, while sleeping or when the child attempts to back down off the bed through the guard rail, thereby creating a potential asphyxiation risk.

Although Cosco has received 67 reports of children becoming entrapped in these toddler bed guard rails, to date no cases of asphyxiation have been reported. A consumer complaint to the CPSC Hotline alerted the Commission to the problem.

Approximately 75,000 red, white or blue two-rod toddler bed guard rails were sold nationwide. When sold separately, the toddler bed guard rail cost was approximately \$12-15. Cosco toddler bed guard rails with

Three horizontal rods within the frame, as well as Cosco bed rails for full-size beds are not affected by this recall. The three-rod version of the toddler bed rail replaced the two-rod version in approximately June, 1992.

Consumers should locate the four-digit manufacture date code on the toddler bed guard rail label and then call (800) Cosco-14 or (800) 267-2614 to obtain a free modification kit and installation instructions. The modification kit includes a special guard rail cover designed to close the opening and prevent entrapment. Consumers may also call the Cosco 800 number for assistance in identifying the affected guard rails.

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April 9, 1992

Release # 92-076

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Cosco Recalls Toddler Beds -- Head Entrapment Risk Cited

PRODUCT: Cosco Model T22 and T23 Youth Options metal toddler beds manufactured since December 1990. Beds are red or white tubular steel with arched headboards and footboards.

PROBLEM: A child may become entrapped between the bed's arches or between the bed mattress and an arch of the headboard or footboard.

WHAT TO DO: Consumers should look for the white label on the mattress support. If the label contains "10T22" or "10T23", consumers should write down the date code and measure the distance between the top two arches of the headboard. (This will enable Cosco to determine appropriate modification parts.) Consumers should then call Cosco at 1-800-468-0174 for information on free modification parts. **CONSUMERS SHOULD NOT USE AFFECTED TODDLER BEDS UNTIL MODIFICATIONS ARE MADE.**

WASHINGTON, DC -- Cosco, Inc., of Columbus, IN, in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), is voluntarily recalling approximately 155,000 Model T22 and T23 Youth Options metal toddler beds manufactured since December 1990. Cosco has received approximately 50 reports, including that of one death, of children becoming entrapped between arches or between the mattress and an arch of the head-or footboards of these beds.

These beds are designed for use by toddlers after outgrowing the crib but before using a full-sized bed. They are constructed of red or white tubular steel with arched headboards and footboards. The spacing between the arches on the headboard and footboard, and the spacing between the mattress and the arches, may allow entrapment of a child's head. Cosco is providing new, redesigned headboards, footboards, or an added headboard part, depending on the model owned.

Cosco reports that its T22 and T23 toddler beds were sold nationwide from December 1990 to March 15, 1992, at retail stores, including Toys-R-Us, Service Merchandise, Sears, and Walmart, for approximately \$50.00.

Consumers should look for a white label on the mattress support. If the label contains "10T22" or "10T23," consumers should write down the date code and measure the distance between the top two arches of the headboard and then call Cosco toll-free on 1-800-468-0174 for information about how to obtain free modification parts. The date code and distance between arches are needed to determine the appropriate modification parts. Cosco and the Commission urge consumers not to use these toddler beds until modifications are made.

EDITORS' NOTE: For an 8" x 10" black and white photograph showing the recalled Cosco toddler bed, call Dan Rumelt, CPSC Office of Information and Public Affairs on 301-504-0580.

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Q's for Tom:

Timing: ① million wa weekend^{ok}
② USA Today - leak

substance - only leg option

Event - moc - Marky?
Name corp?

Executive Action -

Std. if when they should report
what they should report
guidelines arising
to report now quickly
w/ less cause

Event - can Brown call for legislation
nervous - she's never called for legislation

CPSC - talk about strategies
They brief her on it.

Voluntary stds.

- members?
- date

Jeannie - in good shape
talk on Tuesday

can't pull off funding for 2002

Thurs - start by Pres. -
Met he's calling for it

Fri - she's highlighting it.

only consumer groups → any child
advocacy group
calling for it?

CDF -
public campaign -

D.C. CHIP - ask Shirley

Michael Barr - D.C. guy at OMB

4/13

CPSC -

follow-up w/
Pam Gilbert

toughening penalties, etc.

- misdemeanor -

news to Ann

(301)

504-0550

X 2342

what can we do to strengthen authors

penalty authority

penalties

- can assess civil or criminal - up to 10 years
in prison - wife doing

Capped - 1.6 million

\$50k cap

(1) left cap - civil penalties - ~~under~~

(2) make criminal penalty a felony

\$7,000 - product w/ cap of 1.6 million

X # 7 products sold

most of the things they sell are many sold

higher penalty gets more news

1-p. to make people aware of danger

→ criminal = ability - knowingly & willfully - ^{high} 5th.
to charge pros.

→ 2nd offense - after having received no compliance

criminal - \$50,000 -

imprisonment - no deduction

Pam
Gilbert

makes a big difference -

hard to get DOJ excited - they like
strong message to corporations

Event - could get parents -

mom in Manassas w/ story re:

tandem 5 roller

co. had had cap lines

she called CPSC - They had it
been notified

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8/20

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Commerce Unit - Bliley + McCain
- b/c CPSC

leaders: Ed Markey - generally helpful - but opposite
Warman helped too

John Kerry - writing legis. to give
jurisd. over gun locks
so developing a relationship

they are thinking of more ideas &
getting no paper

1 - would like to hire a squad to do investigations
compliance div. & is stretched

they focus on recalls first
for penalties

want ability to find companies that don't report &
go after civil penalties

HHS can't help - their authority from DOJ is limited
but DOJ can broaden HHS's authority
to include work for ~~the~~ CPSC

asset forfeiture fund - they contribute 4% of profits, etc.
but don't have authority to draw on it - DOJ can
give more authority

4/18

Mary Smith

check w/ commission - do they have to all agree?

leg affairs - Broderick + Joel

OMB - ~~Michael Deich~~ - 53120

also need OMB Reg.

Anna Briach ⁵⁷³⁰¹
also ~~who~~ ~~who~~

Justice - Richard Jerome - Assoc. AG's

514-8696

Jeanne Lambreanu
53778

4/18

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Office of Consumer Lit Henry Litay 307-0053

they coordinate w/ AUSA

even when they prosecute felonies under diff statutes

Consumer groups would be entirely supportive
industry groups might say it's unnecessary

they would have to run by commissioners
would have to tell them

2 Dems - Ann + Lather

1 Rep - would oppose

Ann could appear on behalf of commissioners - if others agree
or as just Ann Brown

strong record on abuse - not open to complaint that'll abuse
one guy in jail - killed a kid
fireworks - serious injuries

4/17

Toy Safety

POTUS - transmittal letter to Congress
release publicly

can Ann Brown - ~~the~~ associate of proposed legislation
regulatory auth. - indep. agency

who else can we ask about this?

ask Tom who else we should talk to
to vet this.

~~ask experts~~ ask experts - DOJ

4/18

Sean O'Shea

67074

Can CPSC endorse legislation

he will feel it out

4/18

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Then General Counsel says there's
no prohibition on official events -
calling for legislation

4/11/12

Toy Safety

% of reports from mfr. v. other sources

55%-60% of reports come from manufacturers

9 products investigated for potential recall

most serious hazards that get reported by mfr.

non legislative options?

w/ they aggressively pursue ~~civil~~ ^{criminal} penalties

cultivating pediatricians, nurses

CPS Act - governs most

Federal Hazardous Substances Act -

has an easier criminal section -

doesn't have 2nd reporting requirement
- flunks due to mfr. & mfg.

call to HHS to set up arrangement for 1811 investigators
can't get criminal warrant to get a source
(can get civil)

have to go to Federal marshals

or your agency has to have 1811 investigators

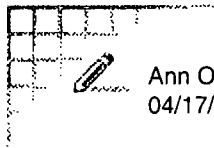
HHS has 1811 investigators - would

use their investigators + reimburse

this would be criminal -

②

have good relationship w/ DOJ
Consumer litigation - Gene Thirolf



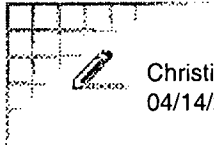
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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April 14, 2000

NATIONAL RECALL ROUND-UP DAY, 2000

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

Every year, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) researches the safety of more than 15,000 types of products used by the American people and secures the recall of defective or potentially dangerous products. Last year alone, the CPSC

negotiated almost 300 recalls involving more than 74 million individual consumer products that presented a significant risk to the public. Despite these recalls and additional safety alerts issued by the CPSC, many consumers are still using products that may seriously injure or even kill them or their children, and people are still able to purchase these products at flea markets, secondhand stores, and garage or yard sales.

The CPSC estimates that some 29 million Americans will suffer injuries involving consumer products this year, and 22,000 will lose their lives. To reduce these tragic statistics, the CPSC is working to increase public awareness of recalled products and to ensure that such potentially hazardous products are removed from people's homes. As a vital part of this effort, the CPSC is conducting the fourth annual Recall Round-Up Campaign this year in partnership with the U.S. Postal Service. With the cooperation and active involvement of State and local officials, health and safety organizations, the media, and community groups, this innovative public safety campaign will sponsor activities in communities across the Nation to publicize the products that have been recalled, to encourage Americans to repair, return, or destroy any recalled products that may still be in their homes or businesses, and to urge them to stay alert and informed about such products when purchasing secondhand items.

This year's Recall Round-Up will focus on a number of previously recalled consumer products that pose a threat to children in particular, including certain infant car seats; swimming pool dive sticks that can cause impalement injuries to young children; television carts that can tip over; tubular metal cribs that can entrap children; and old cribs, hair dryers, and children's drawstring jackets that fail to meet the most current safety standards. Last year's campaign succeeded in reaching some 55 million consumers; this year, with the assistance of the U.S. Postal Service, the CPSC hopes to reach millions more -- especially parents and child care providers -- with these lifesaving messages.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. CLINTON, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim April 18, 2000, as National Recall Round-Up Day. I call upon all Americans to observe this day by working with safety, health, and consumer agencies and other appropriate community organizations to organize and conduct local round-ups of dangerous and defective consumer products and to warn parents, child care providers, and the general public about the hazards of using recalled consumer products.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-fourth.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

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(Introduced in the House)

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To provide that a person who brings a product liability action in a Federal or State court for injuries sustained from a product which is not in compliance with a voluntary or mandatory standard issued by the Consumer Product Safety Commission may recover treble damages, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

November 18, 1999

Mr. ANDREWS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To provide that a person who brings a product liability action in a Federal or State court for injuries sustained from a product which is not in compliance with a voluntary or mandatory standard issued by the Consumer Product Safety Commission may recover treble damages, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DAMAGE RECOVERIES.

(a) TREBLE DAMAGES- Any person who brings a product liability action in a Federal or State court for injuries sustained from the use of a product which is not in compliance with a voluntary or mandatory standard issued by the Consumer Product Safety Commission shall recover treble damages.

(b) NOTICE- Within 90 days of the date of enactment of this Act, the Consumer Product Safety Commission shall reissue each voluntary and mandatory standard the Commission has for a product with a notice notifying manufacturers of such products of the treble damage provision of subsection (a).

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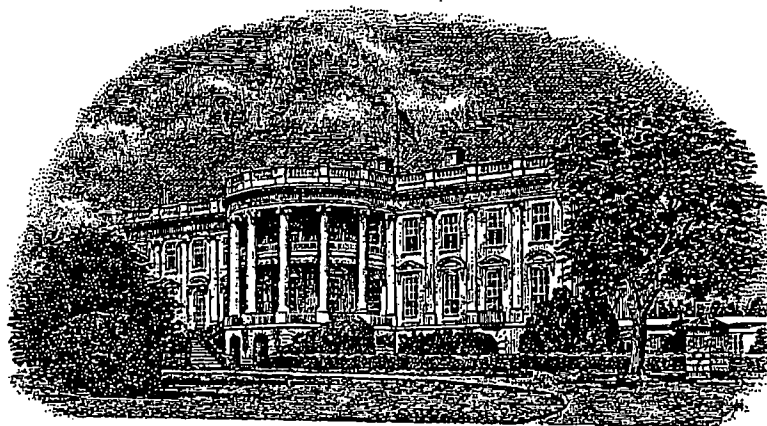
CPSC gets leads from consumers
other manufacturers
medical professionals
news clippings

penalties adjusted every 5 years for inflation
- went up in 1999

criminal: knowingly & willfully violates
prohibition - i.e. reporting req.
after having received notice of noncompliance

until 2 years ago - almost no criminal referrals
but now - pursuing as good as - esp. fireworks

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CPSC, Graco Announce Recall of Infant Swings

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Graco Children's Products, Inc., Elverson, PA, is providing new safety restraints for about 7 million infant swings made before November 1997. These new restraints will upgrade older swings. The restraint systems on the older swings consist of a waist belt only and a hinged or removable tray, which serves as a restraint. If parts are missing, the restraints are not used, or the tray pops off, infants can slip down into the seat and strangle or fall from the swing.

There have been six deaths. These occurred when parts were missing or the restraints were not used and infants slid down the swings' seats and became tangled in the restraints. In five instances, the swings were second hand. Of 209 incidents, 181 were reports of infants falling from the swing. In nine of the falls, infants suffered serious injuries including bone fractures and concussions. Twenty-two infants were caught at the neck or chest.

Graco is offering a free, new safety restraint to replace the swings' old restraint systems. The safety restraint kit comes with instructions and can be installed easily. The new safety system has a buckle that assures the crotch strap is used each time the waist belt is buckled, so that infants are securely fastened into the swings.

If consumers have a Graco infant swing, they should call Graco to determine if their swing needs a new safety restraint. The swings are battery-powered or wind-up, and are either the traditional A-frame or open top design. Some models have removable seats, which can be used as an infant carrier. Graco will help consumers identify swings that need new safety restraints.

Mass merchandise, juvenile products and major discount stores nationwide sold the Graco swings through approximately January 1998 for between \$70 to about \$120.

Consumers should stop using the swings immediately. To receive the free safety restraint, consumers should call Graco at (800) 934-9082 anytime. Consumers may also visit Graco's website at www.gracobaby.com or write to Customer Affairs, Graco Children's Products Inc., P.O. Box 100, Elverson, PA 19520. Consumers should have the swing in front of them

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when they call so that Graco can determine if the swing needs the new safety restraint.

SAMPLES/PHOTOS

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission protects the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death from 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270, or visit CPSC's web site at <http://www.cpsc.gov/talk.html>. For information on CPSC's fax-on-demand service, call the above numbers or visit the web site at (<http://cpsc.gov/about/who.html>). To order a press release through fax-on-demand, call (301) 504-0051 from the handset of your fax machine and enter the release number. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's web site at <http://www.cpsc.gov>. To establish a link from your web site to this press release on CPSC's web site, create a link to the following address: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml00/00XXX.html>.

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Editor's Note: To access a full-color version of the product photo in JPEG (JPG) format, go to this press release on CPSC's web site at:
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