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News

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Dear Wisconsin Children's Safety Advocates:

In August 2008, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a total of **fifteen (15) recalls relating to products affecting children**. Attached is a summary of the releases identifying the product, problem and what should be done with the recalled product.

We have found that not all of the recalls are picked up by the news media as they occur. This monthly summary will give you the opportunity to review all of the children's product safety recalls for the past month.

If you are interested in a complete text of the recall, double click on the hyperlink at the end of the recall description. This will take you to the CPSC website and the actual recall notice. If you have other product safety questions you may call our toll free number at **(800) 422-7128**.

Following is a listing of the 19 "KIDS" recalls by title and identification number (when available):

- ❖ CPSC Urges Parents to STOP Using Simplicity 3-in-1 and 4-in-1 Convertible "Close-Sleeper" Models. #08-378
- ❖ Mother Hubbards Cupboards recalls Cribs due to Fall Hazard. #08-350
- ❖ Baby Appleseed recalls Cribs due to Fall Hazard. #08-351
- ❖ Kids with Character recalls Children's Hooded Sweatshirts with Drawstrings due to Strangulation Hazard. #08-356
- ❖ Request Jeans recalls Children's Hoodies with Drawstrings due to Strangulation Hazard. #08-357
- ❖ Raw Blue Sportswear recalls Children's Hooded Sweatshirts with Drawstrings due to Strangulation Hazard. #08-358
- ❖ Fisher-Price recalls Learning Pots & Pans Toys due to Choking Hazard. #08-362
- ❖ Chelsea & Scott Ltd. Recalls Sun Smarties Children's Board Skirts due to violation of Lead Paint Standard. #08-599
- ❖ Hobbico Inc. recalls Batteries used in Remote-Controlled Helicopters due to Fire Hazard. #08-364
- ❖ International Playthings Inc recalls Stroller Activity Bars due to Choking Hazard. #08-373
- ❖ Regal Lager Inc. recalls for repair Phil & Teds Strollers due to Laceration Hazard. #08-377
- ❖ Oriozi International Corp. recalls Children's Hooded Sweatshirts and Jackets with Drawstrings due to Strangulation Hazard. #08-379
- ❖ Habermaass Corp. recalls Wooden Infant Toys due to Choking Hazard. #08-380
- ❖ Bonne Bell Co. recalls Children's Cosmetic Accessory Bags due to Risk of Lead Exposure. #08-382
- ❖ FlagHouse Inc. recalls Baby Hammocks due to Fall and Strangulation Hazards. #08-604

KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE

Release Number (08-378):

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is urging parents and caregivers to stop using convertible “close-sleeper/bedside sleeper” bassinets manufactured by Simplicity Inc., of Reading, Pa. CPSC has learned that on August 21, 2008, a 5-month-old girl from Shawnee, Kan. was strangled to death when she became entrapped between the bassinet’s metal bars. This is the second strangulation death CPSC has learned of in the co-sleeper bassinets. On September 29, 2007, a 4-month-old girl from Noel, Mo. became entrapped in the metal bars of the bassinet and died.

CPSC is issuing this safety alert because SFCA Inc., the company which purchased all of Simplicity Inc.’s assets at public auction in April 2008, has refused to cooperate with the government and recall the products. SFCA maintains that it is not responsible for products previously manufactured by Simplicity Inc.

The Simplicity 3-in-1 and 4-in-1 convertible bassinets contain metal bars spaced farther apart than 2 3/8 inches, which is the maximum distance allowed under the federal crib safety standard. The metal bars are covered by an adjustable fabric flap which is attached by velcro. The fabric is folded down when the bassinet is converted into a bed-side co-sleeping position. If the velcro is not properly re-secured when the flap is adjusted, an infant can slip through the opening and become entrapped in the metal bars and suffocate. This warning does not cover bassinets produced in recent months that have fabric permanently attached over the lower bar.



Due to the serious hazard these bassinets pose to babies, CPSC urges all consumers to share this safety warning with day care centers, consignment stores, family and friends to ensure that no child is placed to sleep in a Simplicity convertible bassinet covered by this warning.

- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prereel/prhtml08/08378.html>

Release Number (08-350): Mother Hubbard’s Cupboards, of Toronto, Canada is voluntarily recalling about 1,300 Cribs. The recall includes the following wooden full-size cribs: “Enchantment” (model #210), “Hush a Bye” (model #215), “Once upon a time” (model #320) and “Rock a bye” (model #1900-350). Only date codes from 0306 through 0308 are included in this recall. “Mother Hubbard’s Cupboards”, the model number and date code are printed on a label located on the bottom inside of the right side. The cribs were sold at juvenile product stores from March 2006 through March 2008 for between \$500 and \$650 and were manufactured in Canada.

Problem: The cribs fail to meet the federal safety standards. The distance between the mattress support bracket in the lowest position and the top of the side rail in the highest position is less than the required 26 inches, posing a fall hazard to children who climb over the railing.

What to do: Consumers should stop using the cribs immediately and contact Mother Hubbard’s Cupboards to receive instructions on how to re-install the support brackets to eliminate the hazard. For additional information, please contact Mother Hubbard’s Cupboards toll-free at (888) 661-8201 between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. ET Monday through Thursday and between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. ET Friday and Saturday, or visit the firm’s Web site at www.mhcfurniture.com .



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prereel/prhtml08/08350.html>

Release Number (08-351): Baby Appleseed, of City of Industry, Calif. is voluntarily recalling about 500 Davenport Cribs. The recall includes Davenport crib models that begin with the model numbers 273-xxxx-xxxx and have manufacture dates on or before August 2007 printed on a label located on the right side of the lower inner panel of the crib. The recalled cribs have two mattress support systems-a metal one and a wooden one. Newer Davenport cribs with model numbers beginning with 244-xxxx-xxxx that have one mattress support are not included in the recall. The cribs were sold at specialty juvenile product stores nationwide from December 2006 through September 2007 for between \$600 and \$800 and were manufactured in Vietnam.

Problem: The cribs fail to meet the federal safety standards for cribs. The cribs have a two mattress support system. The secondary mattress support, used for the lowest position, does not meet the full 26 inch minimum height in its lowest position, allowing children inside to crawl over the railing, posing a fall hazard.

What to do: Consumers should stop using the recalled cribs in the third lowest position, which uses the wooden mattress support, and contact Baby Appleseed to receive a repair kit. Consumers who are currently using the crib with the metal mattress support in the top or middle positions can continue to use the crib in those positions while awaiting a repair kit. (*NOTE: Repair Kits will be available from the firm in mid-August 2008*) For additional information, contact Baby Appleseed at (877) 348-2199 anytime, or visit the firm's Web site at www.babyappleseed.com



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml08/08351.html>

Release Number (08-356): Kids with Character LLC, of New York, N.Y., is voluntarily recalling about 1,200 BongoCheetah Girls Jackets. The recalled garments are Bongo

Cheetah Girls Jackets with style number 8N6003 and RN number 119132 printed on the care label. The jackets were sold in girls sizes 4 through 6X. The jackets were sold at Marshalls stores nationwide from November 2007 through August 2008 for about \$25 and were manufactured in China.

Problem: The garments have a drawstring through the hood which can pose a strangulation hazard to children.

What to do: Consumers should immediately remove the drawstrings from the sweatshirts to eliminate the hazard, or return the garment to either Marshall's retail store or Kids with Character for a full refund. For additional information, contact Kids with Character collect at (212) 695-6343 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml08/08356.html>

Release Number (08-357): Request Jeans, of New York, N.Y., is voluntarily recalling about 1,200 Drawstring Hoodies. This recall involves the short sleeve hoodie (Item number 11188SG) and the Long sleeve hoodie (Item number 11218LG). The short sleeve hoodie has "Request" printed all over and was sold in olive green and light blue. The long sleeve hoodie has a butterfly design on the back of the hoodie and on the chest and was sold in white and olive green. The hoodies were sold at mass merchandisers and other retail stores nationwide from January 2007 through March 2007 for about \$36 and were manufactured in China.

Problem: The hoodies have a drawstring through the hood which can pose a strangulation hazard to children.

What to do: Consumers should immediately remove the drawstrings from the sweatshirts to eliminate the hazard, or return the garment to either the place of purchase or to Request Jeans to receive a refund. For additional information, contact Request Jeans collect at (212) 302-0077

between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml08/08357.html>

Release Number (08-358): Raw Blue Sportswear, of Moonachie, NJ, is voluntarily recalling about 5,740 Hooded Sweatshirts. The Raw Blue hooded sweatshirts were sold in three styles: smack print, kapow print and comic magazine print) and various colors. The sweatshirts have style numbers 7FT5655, 7FT5455, and 7FT5515. Style numbers are printed on the garment's sales tag. The sweatshirts were sold at TJ Maxx, Mega Trends, Moonstone Shirts and MP Trading stores nationwide from July 2007 through December 2007 for between \$30 and \$40 and manufactured in China.

Problem: The sweatshirts have drawstrings through the hood which pose a strangulation hazard to young children.

What to do: Consumers should immediately remove the drawstrings from the sweatshirts to eliminate the hazard. Consumers can return the garment to the place of purchase or Raw Blue Sportswear for a refund. For additional information, contact Raw Blue Sportswear at (800) 638-1537 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml08/08358.html>

Release Number (08-362): Fisher-Price, of East Aurora, NY, is voluntarily recalling about 15,000 Learning Pots & Pans™ Toys. This recall involves Learning Pots and Pans™ toy sets with stackable pots and pans, a lid and shape-sorting blocks. The toys have light and sound features that operate on three AA batteries. Model number G6685 is located on the bottom of the blue pan. The toys were sold at discount department and toy stores nationwide from October 2007 to August 2008 for about \$20 and were manufactured in China.

Problem: Missing screws in the blue toy pan can cause the clear plastic cover to come loose and release small balls, presenting a choking hazard to young children.

What to do: Consumers should immediately take these recalled toys away from children and examine the bottom of the blue pan. The pan should contain six screws. If all six screws are installed, no further action is necessary. If any screws are missing, the consumer should contact Fisher-Price to arrange for the return of the blue pan for a replacement. For additional information, contact Fisher-Price at (888) 521-0820 anytime, or visit the firm's Web site at www.service.mattel.com



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml08/08362.html>

Release Number (08-599): Chelsea & Scott Ltd., of Lake Bluff, Ill., is voluntarily recalling about 600 Sun Smarties™ Children's Board Skirts. The Sun Smarties™ board skirts are peach microfiber with an embroidered flower

accent and back pocket. Item number 13926 HIBI is printed on the care label inside the back of the waistband. The skirts were sold in girls sizes 12 months to 4T. The skirts have six grommets, four on the front of the waistband and two on the back pocket. The skirts were sold exclusively on www.onestepahead.com from May 1, 2008 through May 9, 2008 for about \$15 and were manufactured in China.

Problem: The paint on the grommets of the skirts contains an excess level of lead, violating the federal lead paint standard.

What to do: Consumers should immediately take these skirts away from young children and return them to Chelsea & Scott Ltd to receive a replacement skirt or refund. Consumers will be sent a postage paid envelope from Chelsea & Scott Ltd. For additional information, contact Chelsea & Scott Ltd toll-free at (866) 271-4536 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at www.onestepahead.com. Consumers can also email the firm at customerservice@onestepahead.com.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml08/08599.html>

Release Number (08- 364): Hobbico Inc., of Champaign, Ill., is voluntarily recalling about 11,000 Batteries Used In Radio-Controlled Helicopter Kits. This recall involves the Electrify lithium-polymer batteries (part #GPMP0401) sold individually or with the Heli-Max Axe CP-L radio-controlled helicopter kits. The kit includes a 23-inch long plastic helicopter, a battery, a radio transmitter, a balance charger, a car adapter, an AC wall adapter, decals that read "HMX", "AXE" and "Heli-Max" and training gear. "Electrify" and "GPMP0401" are printed on the battery. The kits were sold at hobby Stores nationwide and online from November 2007 through March 2008 for about \$35. The helicopter kits were sold for \$200 and manufactured in China.

Problem: The rechargeable battery can overheat and catch fire while charging, igniting nearby combustible materials. This poses a fire hazard to consumers.

What to do: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled batteries and contact Hobbico for instructions on returning their battery for a free replacement battery. For additional information, contact Hobbico toll-free at (866) 462-2426 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday or visit the company's recall Web sites at www.helimaxrc.com or www.electrify.com to register for the recall.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml08/08364.html>

Release Number (08-373): International Playthings Inc., of Parsippany, N.J., is voluntarily recalling about 10,000 Taggies™ Strollin' Along Stroller Activity Bars. This recall involves the Taggies™ Strollin' Along stroller activity bars. The multicolored, fabric, and plastic activity bars feature a yellow giraffe, a purple hippo and a blue elephant attached to a 12" long elliptical base with straps that attach to a stroller. The Taggies™ and Earlyears® logos are located on woven and satin labels sewn into the seam on the lower left front of the activity bar. The bars were sold at specialty toy stores nationwide and on the Internet from February 2007 through July 2008 for about \$23 and were manufactured in Hong Kong.

Problem: The shiny material on the elephant's ear on the activity bar can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

What to do: Consumers should immediately stop using the activity bars and contact International Playthings for a free replacement toy. For additional information, contact International Playthings at (800) 445-8347 or visit the company's Web site at www.intplay.com



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml08/08373.html>

Release Number (08- 377): Regal Lager Inc., of Kennesaw, Ga. are voluntarily recalling about 44,000 Phil & Teds e3 Single Buggy, e3 Twin Buggy and sport v1 Single Buggy Strollers (an additional 425 e3 Twin Buggy Strollers were [recalled](#) on May 5, 2006). The recalled single strollers all have metal frames with three wheels, a cloth seat and canopy. The twin strollers have a metal frame with four wheels, side-by-side cloth seats and double sun canopies. The strollers were sold in a variety of colors including red, orange, green, black, charcoal and navy. The Phil & Teds logo is located on the crotch piece of the harness. The strollers were sold at baby furniture and baby products stores nationwide from August 2003 through August 2008 for between \$400 and \$650 and were manufactured in China.

Problem: The stroller's hinge locking mechanism poses a laceration hazard to the user folding and unfolding the strollers.

What to do: Consumers should stop using the strollers immediately and contact Regal Lager to obtain a free hinge cover repair kit and instructions. For more information, consumers can Regal Lager toll-free at (877) 242-5676 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit the firm's Web site at www.regallager.com



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml08/08377.html>

Release Number (08- 379): Orioxi International Corp., of Brea, Calif., is voluntarily recalling about 43,000 Children's Hooded Sweatshirts and Jackets. The recalled garments were sold in children's sizes small, medium and large in the following colors: white, ivory, red, black, navy, brown, green, charcoal, blue, and pink. "BAC" is printed on the sewn-in tag on some of the garments. "Breckenridge", "Keystone", "Jackson Hole", "Vail", "Steamboat", and "Mackinac Island" is printed on the front of the garments.

The sweatshirts and jackets were sold at "Shirt off My Back" retail stores located in Colorado, Wyoming, and Michigan from September 2005 through May 2008 for between \$20 and \$30 and were manufactured in China.

Problem: The sweatshirts and jackets have drawstrings through the hood which pose a strangulation hazard to young children.

What to do: Consumers should immediately remove the drawstrings from the sweatshirts to eliminate the hazard. Consumer can return the garments to the place of purchase for a refund. For additional information, contact Outfitter Trading Company at (800) 875-4352 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. MT Monday through Friday or visit the firm's Web site at www.shirtoffmyback.com



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml08/08379.html>

Release Number (08- 380): Habermaass Corp. Inc., of Skaneateles, N.Y., is voluntarily recalling about 118,000 Wooden Puzzles, Infant Rattles, Pacifier Holders, and Stroller Toys. The puzzles, rattle toys, pacifier holders, and stroller toys are wooden and are described in the chart below. "HABA" is printed on them. The toys were sold at specialty toy stores nationwide and at specialty online retailers from January 2002 through August 2008 for between \$10 and \$35 and were manufactured in Germany.

Problem: The wooden rattles, pacifier holders, and stroller toys contain small pieces including glued on mirrors and/or prisms that can detach, posing a choking hazard to infants. The head of the ladybug puzzle pieces also poses a choking hazard.

What to do: Consumers should immediately take the recalled puzzles, rattles, pacifier holders and stroller toys away from children and contact Habermaass to receive a free replacement product or a full refund. For additional information, contact Habermaass Corp. at (800) 468-6873 ext. 107 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at www.HABAUSA.com/safety

Model	Description	Photo
Triolino Puzzle	Lady bug puzzle is 7 inches x ½ inch thick	
LUCY Clutching Toy (rattle)	Hearts have mirrors and prisms. The rattle is about 4 inches in diameter.	
Little Heart Clutching Toy (rattle)	Heart has mirror. The rattle is about 3 ½ inches in diameter.	
Pixie's World (rattle)	2.5" rattle with mushroom, flower, person and house with mirror.	
Belinda Clutching Toy (rattle)	Flower clutching toy has face in the middle. The rattle is about 4 inches in diameter.	
Miro Clutching Toy (rattle)	Rattle center contains blue plastic ball with 10 holes. The rattle is about 3 ½ inches in diameter.	
Bunny Pacifier Holder	Pacifier holder is 8.6 inches long with fabric bunny on the end and wooden star with mirror in the middle.	

Bear Pacifier Holder	Pacifier holder is 8.6 inches long with bear at the end and wooden circle with mirror in the middle.	
Bonita (rattle)	2.5" bouquet of four shapes on wooden ring.	
Bella (rattle)	3" diameter with four wooden hearts with two mirrors.	
Pirate Joe (rattle)	4" pirate theme with bell and mirror.	
Rally (rattle)	4" triangle shape with three cars.	
Flori (rattle)	Six petal shapes on elastic band. Includes three mirrors & three bells. 5"	
Triola (rattle)	4" triangle with two flowers and round corner.	
Trio (rattle)	4" triangle shape with squeaker, bell and mirror.	
Speedy (rattle)	Wooden car about 4.5" L x 3" H. Squeaker in back and mirror on car	

	hood.	
Little Hearts Stroller Toy	18" pram-chain with ten various size wooden hearts.	
Discovery Balls, Set of 4	Set contains 1 orange, 1 red, 1 blue and one bicolor blue/yellow ball. Red ball contains three small mirrors.	
Discovery Ball with Rattle	Blue/Yellow round wooden ball with small mirror.	

- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml08/08380.html>

Release Number (08- 382): Bonne Bell Co., of Lakewood, Ohio, is voluntarily recalling about 945,000 Bonne Bell Children's Cosmetics Accessory Bags. The recalled accessory bags are made of plastic and have a zipper and carrying handle. The bags come with an assortment of cosmetic products, which are not part of this recall. The model name and UPC numbers are located on the hangtag. The following recalled model names and UPC numbers are involved in this recall:

SMACKERS Sweet Treats Collection	UPC 0 50051 50575 7
SMACKERS Sparkle & Shine Collection	UPC 0 50051 50576 4
SMACKERS Glam It Up Collection	UPC 0 50051 50577 1
BONNEBELL Natural Neutrals Collection	UPC 0 50051 22640 9
BONNEBELL Pretty Pinks Collection	UPC 0 50051 22641 6

BONNEBELL Fresh Pinks Collection	UPC 0 50051 22642 3
BONNEBELL Glamorous Neutrals Collection	UPC 0 50051 22643 0

The bags were sold at retail stores nationwide and Bonne Bell's Web site from September 2007 through August 2008 for about \$9 and manufactured in China.

Problem: The metal clasps on the handle of the accessory bags contain excessive levels of lead, which is toxic if ingested and can cause adverse health effects.

What to do: Consumers should immediately take the recalled accessory bag away from children and contact Bonne Bell for a replacement bag. For more information, consumers can contact Bonne Bell toll-free at (866) 288-8643 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or via email at quality@bonnebell.com, or visit the company's Web site at

www.thebonnebellcompany.com/recall/



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml08/08382.html>

Release Number (08- 604): FlagHouse Inc., of Hasbrouck Heights, N.J., is voluntarily recalling about 100 Yayita Baby Hammocks. The recalled baby hammock is cream-colored canvas and hangs from a wooden pole. The hammock measures about 29 x 43 inches. It has three restraint straps with red buckles and is attached to a cushioned pad for the infant. A mounting fixture, also called a fixing set, is sold with the hammock. "La Siesta" is printed on a tag located below the restraint straps. Model number YABP-1 is printed on a white tag sewn into the hammock's side seam. The hammocks were sold by FlagHouse Inc.'s catalog, and online at www.flaghouse.com, and at BJ Wholesale Club's Web site, www.bjs.com, from September 2007 through August 2008 for about \$90 and were manufactured in Colombia.

Problem: The hammock can flip over, posing a serious fall hazard and strangulation

hazard to infants who get entrapped in the seat's restraint straps while upside down.

What to do: Consumers should immediately stop using the baby hammock and contact FlagHouse to receive a full refund, or credit toward the purchase of another product.

For additional information, contact FlagHouse at (800) 793-7900 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at www.flaghouse.com



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml08/08604.html>

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