



Product Recalls and Related News

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Part One of Two

An unusually high number of products posing choking and strangulation risks are set forth in the September 2010 Consumer Product Safety Commission's (CPSC's) recall list. Other items posing laceration and impact injuries are also noted. These monthly government lists help protect consumers by urging them to avoid using or purchasing dangerous products. Our law firm recommends that you regularly review these lists before ever making a major purchase or buying anything for a child.

Part One of our September 2010 recall list review focuses mainly on products posing choking, strangulation and entrapment hazards. It also mentions items that can inflict laceration or impact injuries upon consumers.

Part Two of our September 2010 review looks at many other products, including some posing fire, burn, suffocation and fall risks. This second half of our review also includes a brief CPSC news synopsis noting recent investigations, statistical reports and assigned penalties. (Readers interested in reviewing the complete September 2010 CPSC product recall list can visit the following link: (<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prerelsep10.html>).

Products Posing Choking, Strangulation and Entrapment Hazards

- Burlington Coat Factory, of Burlington, N.J., has agreed to voluntarily recall approximately 10,000 children's hooded jackets and sweatshirts due to the presence of potentially dangerous drawstrings around the hoods and waists. These features

present strangulation and entrapment hazards to children. The CPSC first issued guidelines regarding such drawstrings back in February of 1996 [guidelines].

- Edushape Ltd., of Deer Park, New York, has agreed to voluntarily recall about 13,500 Giant Starbuilder and Giant Stars Building Sets. This is necessary since the plastic knobs located on the center of the stars can break off and pose choking hazards to young children.
- Chuck E. Cheese (CEC Entertainment, Inc., of Irving, Texas) has agreed to recall about 1,100,000 Light-up Rings and 120,000 Star Glasses at the request of both the United States CPSC and Health Canada. When the plastic casings around these items are broken into smaller pieces, they can expose the batteries, creating swallowing hazards to children. If these batteries are swallowed, they can damage a child's esophagus, stomach, intestines or nasal mucus membranes.
- Fun Stuff Inc., of Newport News, Virginia, has agreed to voluntarily recall close to 14,400 Click Armband Bracelets, 7,900 Klick Klick Balls and 14,400 BoBo Balls. When the small balls on the arms of these toys become detached, they can pose a choking hazard to children. Although the company marketed these products to children ages three and older, CPSC staff members have designated these toys for kids between 19 and 35 months.
- Albee Baby, of East Rutherford, New Jersey, has agreed to recall close to 130 Sorelle brand "Prescott" (fixed-side) Cribs. Re-labeled fixed-side Simplicity Cribs, these furniture pieces contain tubular metal mattress-support frames that the CPSC recalled back in April 2010. When these frames become bent or detached their mattresses can drop, creating spaces into which infants and toddlers can fall and then suffer harm. Children can even slide through those spaces and fall right out of these cribs.
- Step2® Company, of Streetsboro, Ohio, is cooperating with both the United States CPSC and Health Canada by voluntarily recalling Sand & Water Transportation Toys. (A total of about 56,000 units in the United States and 7,700 units in Canada are being recalled.) Young children face choking risks when the light blue plastic wheels on the train cars become detached.
- Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores, of Hudson, Ohio, are voluntarily recalling about 1,800 Bamboo Roll-up Blinds with valances. If a child's neck becomes entangled within certain loops of these blinds, strangulation can occur.

Products Posing Laceration or Impact Injuries

- Sky City Holdings International LTD of China has agreed to voluntarily recall about 50,000 Coleman® WaterBeam™ 4D Water-Activated Floating Spotlights. If the lens assembly becomes detached from the spotlight's mainhousing, it can pose impact injuries to consumers.
- Horizon Hobby Inc., of Champaign, Illinois, has agreed to recall Spektrum Receivers used with model airplane gliders. (A total of about 3,500 units in the United States are being recalled, along with about 150 in Canada). If the receivers lose contact with the model airplane gliders' radio control, even when flown within prescribed limits, the gliders can fall from the sky and possibly injure consumers.
- Black & Decker (U.S.) Inc., of Towson, Maryland, has agreed to recall close to 192,000 Black & Decker Random Orbit Sanders. If the platen (or black plastic disc) that's supposed to hold the sandpaper in place breaks apart or flies off during use, the entire disc (or parts of it) can hit the user or those nearby, possibly causing laceration injuries.
- The Land of Nod, of Northbrook, Illinois, is voluntarily recalling close to 2,100 "Play with Your Veggies" Toys. If the metal wire contained in the toy asparagus becomes exposed, it can cause laceration injuries to children.
- Other potentially hazardous products posing fire, burn and fall injuries are covered in Part Two of our September 2010 Consumer Product Safety Commission.

(CPSC) recall list review. Part Two also references several recent CPSC news items.

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