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Stroller manufacturer calls for mandatory regulation after massive recall

Maclaren USA, the stroller manufacturer which issued a massive recall in November 2009, is calling for mandatory federal regulations of standards for strollers and global harmonization of stroller safety.

In a press release to announce results of the 2009 recall, Maclaren says that umbrella strollers “remain unregulated with tremendous risk to consumers who expect and assume otherwise” and notes that the stroller hazards that prompted the 2009 recall “were inherent not just to Maclaren products, but to nearly all umbrella-fold models,”

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In November 2009, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and Maclaren jointly announced a voluntary recall of approximately 1 million Maclaren single and double strollers, citing the risk of fingertip amputation and laceration while the parent/caregiver is unfolding/opening the stroller.

Maclaren has provided a kit to cover the elbow joint on their umbrella strollers' hinge mechanism, to avoid the potential hazard to a child when the operator is opening or closing the umbrella stroller. Maclaren says more than 300,000 U.S. consumers have ordered the kits in the past 18 months. However, the company also says it has received 37 new reports of fingertip injuries since the recall was issued.

According to the CPSC, there are approximately 11,500 stroller-related injuries each year, about 500 of which relate to finger injuries, including the hinge-related injuries associated with umbrella strollers.

SOURCE [Maclaren USA, Inc.](#)

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