



November 2010: Product Recalls and Related News – Part One of Two

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The November 2010 Consumer Product Safety Commission's (CPSC's) recall list includes a number of products posing choking, suffocation and strangulation risks. Other listed items can create entrapment, shock, explosion, fire, laceration, fall and burn hazards.

These monthly lists help protect consumers by telling them which products are too dangerous to be bought or used. 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 November 2010 recall list review focuses mainly on products posing choking, strangulation and entrapment hazards. It also notes items that can cause puncture, explosion and shock injuries.

Part Two of our November 2010 list review looks at many other items, including those posing fire, burn and fall risks. This second part also notes products that can cause laceration and crash injuries.

Products Posing Choking, Strangulation and Entrapment Hazards

- **Big Ideas Marketing**, of Owings Mills, Md., has agreed to recall close to **8,800 Horse-on-a Stick Toys** to repair them since the bridle can loop around a child's neck and head, possibly causing strangulation.
- **Rocking Horse Depot**, of Buckeye, Arizona, is voluntarily recalling about **1,200 Rocking Horses** for reasons almost identical to the "horse-on-a-stick toy" referenced

above. The rocking horse's reins are so long that if a child gets his or her head caught in them, strangulation may occur.

- **Bassett Furniture Industries, Inc.**, of Bassett, Virginia, is recalling about **90,000 Bassettbaby Drop-side Cribs** featuring plastic hardware. If the drop-side rail fails to work correctly and becomes partially (or totally) detached, a child can become trapped in the space created between that rail and the crib mattress. A child can also fall out of the crib – or suffer suffocation or strangulation due to that same problem. These cribs can pose other hazards when they're not correctly assembled or when the parts become worn out due to frequent, long-term usage.
- **Britax Child Safety Inc.**, of Charlotte, N.C. is voluntarily recalling close to **23,000 Chaperone Infant Car Seats**. If the harness clip on these seats breaks, a child can suffer a laceration injury or even choke on a part of the clip.
- About **495,000 Roman Shades** and **28,500 Roller/Roll-up Blinds** are being recalled by **Hanover Direct Inc.** of Weehawken, New Jersey. (*This company is also known as Domestications, The Company Store and Company Kids*). Children can accidentally strangle themselves while playing with the cords and loops attached to these shades and blinds.
- **VOS Sports Inc.**, of the City of Industry, California, has agreed with the CPSC to voluntarily recall close to **11,700 (Children's) Hooded Jackets and Sweatshirts** since the hood and waist drawstrings can create entrapment or strangulation hazards for kids.

Puncture/Explosion/Shock Hazards

- **Beman**, of Salt Lake City, Utah, has agreed to recall close to **11,300 Beman Bone Collector (Bowhunting) Arrows** since the arrows can break during use, possibly hitting unexpected targets. Users and bystanders can suffer puncture wounds if hit by such wayward arrows.
- About **1,000 Ski-Doo® Snowmobiles** are being voluntarily recalled by **BRP US Inc.**, of Sturtevant, Wisconsin. When the engines are left idling, fuel tank problems may develop that can cause victims either fatal or serious bodily injuries.
- Close to **7,300 Pottery Barn Lamps** are being voluntarily recalled by the **Pottery Barn** of San Francisco, California. If these lamps' electrical wires become damaged, consumers can suffer electric shocks.

- **Robert Bosch Tool Corporation**, of Mount Prospect, Illinois, is recalling close to **20,000 Bosch Hammer Drills** since their grounding systems and trigger switches can malfunction and cause shocks to consumers. Furthermore, if these switch triggers get stuck in the “on” position, they can cause additional injuries to consumers.

.Other potentially hazardous products posing fire, burn, fall, crash and laceration injuries are covered in Part Two of our November 2010 recall list review. Part Two also provides some general Consumer Product Safety Commission News. (Link to Part Two here:_____)
(Readers interested in reviewing the entire November 2010 CPSC product recall list can visit the following link: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prerelnov10.html>).

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