



Warning: Dangerous Clothing Items for Children

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A recent review of the Consumer Product Safety Commission's (CPSC's) list of recalled children's clothing turned up a very large number of items. In an effort to help our readers fully protect their children from this clothing, we've put together the following summary of those listings.

Please bear in mind that there were so many listings for hooded sweatshirts (or pants) with drawstrings that we can't begin to mention all of them here. Instead, we suggest that you *exercise great caution* whenever purchasing any clothing with drawstrings around the head, neck and waist areas for your youngest children. It's just too easy for them to suffer choking, strangulation and entanglement injuries due to such drawstrings.

The following clothing items are grouped according to the types of threats they pose. We suggest that you print out a list of these items and carefully review all of the clothes hanging in your children's closets or folded in their dresser drawers.

Clothing in Violation of Federal Flammability Standards

- 2011. **Fasionviews Inc.** recently recalled **P Jamas Children's Sleepwear** because it violated federal flammability standards;
- 2010. **Tommy Hilfiger U.S.A.** recalled some of its **Children's Sweatshirts** due to violations of federal flammability standards;
- 2010. **Roberta Roller Rabbit** recalled its **Children's Kimono Robes, Lounge and Slumber Short Sets** due to violations of federal flammability standards;

Clothing in Violation of Lead Exposure Standards

- 2010. **Target** recalled a number of **Children's Belts** since they violated applicable lead paint standards;

Clothing That Poses Choking Hazards

- 2011. **Midwest-CBK** recently recalled **Wrist Rattles** and **Baby Booties** because they pose choking hazards to children;
- 2011. **Parigi** recently recalled **Girls' Jeans for Toddlers** because they have features that pose choking risks to children;
- 2011. **Matilda Jane** has recalled its **Girl's Chelsea Dresses** because of features that pose choking hazards to children;
- 2011. **Fun World** has recalled its **Little Pet Vet** and **Dr. Littles Halloween Costumes with Toy Stethoscopes** because these outfits pose choking risks to young children;
- 2010. **BabyLegs** recalled **Baby Socks** and **Leg Warmers with Heart Appliqués** since they created choking risks for children;
- 2010. **American Eagle Outfitters** recalled **Toddler Girl Garments** that created choking hazards for young children;
- 2010. **The Children's Place** recalled its **Girls' Ruffle Vests** because they feature parts that can cause young children to choke;
- 2010. **Lollytogs** recalled its **Infants' Overalls** since they had features that could create choking risks for infants;
- 2010. **Kiwi Industries** recalled its **Infant Apparel** because the clothing has features that can cause infants to choke;
- 2010. **Macy's** recalled its **Boys' Three-Piece Santa Sets** because they had features that pose choking risks to children;
- 2010. **The Children's Place** had to recall its **Denim Shorts** because their metal snaps can become detached, posing choking hazards to kids; *and*

- 2010. The Gap recalled its **Baby Swimsuits** because they had features that posed strangulation risks to young children.

We hope this article's listings will help you better protect your children against unsafe clothing. *(Readers interested in reviewing the entire, comprehensive list of clothing items recalled in recent years can visit the following link: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cgi-bin/prod.aspx>).*

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