

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

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The November 2010 Consumer Product Safety Commission's (CPSC's) recall list warns the public about products posing fire, burn, strangulation and other safety risks. Our firm regularly reviews these lists to help you avoid using or purchasing any dangerous products. Always consider reading these articles before making new purchases or accepting used goods from others.

Part Two of our November 2010 recall list review looks at items posing fire, burn and fall risks. This second half of our review also notes items that can create crash and laceration hazards. It ends with some general CPSC news.

Part One of our November 2010 recall product review focuses mainly on items posing choking, strangulation and entrapment hazards. It also describes products that can cause puncture, explosion and shock risks. Part One here

## Products Posing Fire and Burn Hazards

- General Wax and Candle Company, of North Hollywood, California, has agreed to recall close to 33,000 Silver and Gold Metallic Taper Candles. The metallic paint on the candles can cause them to ignite, creating a fire risk.
- Katadyn North America Inc., of Minneapolis, Minnesota, is voluntarily recalling
  products after being asked to do so by both America's CPSC and Canada's Health
  Canada. The company is recalling Camping Stoves and Equipment. About 5,300 of
  these units are being recalled in the United States and about 2,400 in Canada.

- Fuel leakage can occur when these products are marketed with damaged fuel lines or O-rings, posing fire risks to consumers.
- J & H International, of Morris Plains, New Jersey, is voluntarily recalling about 36,000
   Carafes since they pose burn risks to consumers when their handles come loose and hot liquids spill out.
- American Honda Motor Company, of Torrance, California, has agreed to recall about
   6,150 Honda and Mantis Mini Tillers. If any of the fuel tanks' rubber grommets crack, they can cause fuel to leak out, posing fire risks to consumers.
- Haier America Trading LLC, of New York, New York, is voluntarily recalling close to 67,500 Chest Freezers. A fire hazard can develop in this freezer's circuitry if its capacitor overheats.

## Products Posing Fall Risks and Crash/Laceration Injuries

- Full Speed Ahead, of Woodinville, Washington, is voluntarily recalling about 9,300
   Full Speed Ahead BB30 Gossamer Crank Sets sold to numerous bicycle manufacturers. When the fixing bolts in these installed sets are tightened too much on the non-drive crank arms, the bolt shoulders can break, possibly causing the non-drive arms to drop off. Bicycle riders may then fall off their bikes and suffer one or more crash injuries.
- L.L. Bean, of Freeport, Maine, has agreed to recall close to 2,300 Folding Camp
   Rockers since the plastic "anchors" that attach the seat backs to the frames can
   break, creating fall hazards for users.
- Club Car, LLC of Augusta, Georgia, is voluntarily recalling about 5,000 Golf cars and hospitality, transport and utility vehicles. When the brake pedals on these vehicles crack and break apart, the drivers are left without any braking power, putting them at risk for crash injuries.
- Sportcraft Ltd., of Budd Lake, New Jersey, has agreed to recall about 3,100 Classic Sport Bounce Pogo Sticks. Unfortunately, the rivets on the stick frames can break, causing some of the support clamps to detach. Once these events take place, the springs can release, creating fall and laceration hazards for users.
- Giant Bicycle Inc., of Newbury Park, California, has agreed to recall close to threehundred and seventy (370) 2011 Model Year Anthem Giant Bicycles. When these

- bicycle frames crack at the point where the seat posts and top tubes join, riders may fall off and injure themselves.
- Rollerblade USA, of West Lebanon, New Hampshire, is recalling close to 29,000
  pairs of Spark, Spitfire Inline Skates. When the wheel axle and frame axle bolts on
  these skates start to loosen, riders can fall and injure themselves.

## General Consumer Product Safety Commission News and Safety Reminders

- Be Sure to Review the Proper Way to Use Infant Slings and Wraps Parents are being asked to carefully review all of the instructions they've been given on properly using infant slings and wraps. As the CPSC notes, when these carrying devices are used properly, "babywearing" can create excellent bonds between parents and their children.
- Consumers Will Find More Safe Toys Available This Holiday Season The
  Consumer Products Safety Commission wants to remind parents that all of the
  agency's hard work during recent years has paid off. It should be much easier to find
  safe toys this holiday season. Nevertheless, it's always best to look up any products
  you're hoping to buy on the CPSC Web site before you start shopping. A brief bit of
  recalled product research can save consumers countless headaches.
- The CPSC Will Be Partnering with the Association of Pool and Spa Professionals
   (APSP) to present a number of public safety campaigns on the proper usage of pool facilities.
- Be Sure to Check Your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Batteries if you forgot to do so back in early November when the time changed in some parts of the country.

Since it's the holiday season, our firm would like to remind everyone to carefully use and display their holiday decorations while also enjoying this special time of the year.

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