



October 2010: Product Recalls and Related News

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Part Two of Two

The October 2010 Consumer Product Safety Commission's (CPSC's) recall list warns the public about products posing fire, burn, strangulation and other safety risks. We review these monthly government lists to help you minimize your chances of purchasing dangerous items. Always be sure to read these articles before making new purchases or accepting used goods from others. Part Two of our October 2010 product recall review looks at items posing fire, burn and fall risks. This second half of our review also references a CPSC news item about an upcoming national education campaign. Part One of our October 2010 recall product review focuses mainly on items posing choking and strangulation hazards. It also describes products that can inflict laceration and other general injuries upon consumers.

Products Posing Fire and Burn Hazards

Ryobi Technologies, Inc., of Anderson, South Carolina, has agreed to recall to 455,000 Ryobi Model HP 1802M Cordless Power Drills. If the switch on this cordless drill overheats, consumers can suffer burns or fire hazards.

- Eastern America Trio Products, Inc., of Flushing, N. Y., has agreed to voluntarily recall about 124,000 Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs. When these bulbs overheat, they can start a fire or otherwise harm consumers
- Fire-Lite Alarms of Northford, Connecticut, has agreed to recall close to 530 Fire Alarm Control Panels since they may fail to properly warn consumers before fires break out.
- Oxmoor House Inc., of Birmingham, Alabama, has agreed with the CPSC to voluntarily recall about 540,000 Home Improvement Books containing faulty technical diagrams

and wiring instructions. Consumers who try to follow the instructions and diagrams in these books may suffer electrical shocks or fire hazards. *(This action has been taken in addition to the January 2010 recall of approximately 951,000 similar books.)*

- Tabletops Unlimited, Inc., of Carson, California, has agreed to recall about 1,500 Castalon Frying Pans. Consumers who use these pans may suffer burns if the enamel coating on them starts cracking and breaking off. This hazard can develop even after the pans have only been used a few times.

Products Posing Fall Risks

- **Williams-Sonoma Inc.**, of San Francisco, California, has agreed to recall about **5,900 PBteen Sleep and Study Loft Beds** since the side bed rails can crack, possibly causing the mattress supports to give way. Users may then suffer fall injuries.
- **Easton Sports**, of Scotts Valley, California, is recalling about **200** of its **Bicycles featuring 2010 EC90 Zero Seat Posts**. When these seat posts' carbon top clamps crack, riders can suffer fall hazards.
- **Bravo Sports**, of Santa Fe Springs, California, has agreed to recall approximately **160,000 Bravo Sports Trampolines**. If these trampolines aren't assembled properly, the top legs and rails may break or bend (even during normal use). At that point, the trampolines can partially collapse, creating a fall risk to users.
- **Primal Vantage Co., Inc.**, of Randolph, New Jersey, has agreed to recall close to **40,000 Ameristep Plastic Strap-On Tree Steps** since the plastic parts of these steps can break, creating a fall risk to users.

General Consumer Product Safety Commission News

The CPSC and other child safety groups have banded together to release a new video designed to teach parents and other caregivers how to properly use baby cribs. Special instructions contained in "Safe Sleep for Babies" can help caregivers cut down on the suffocation, entrapment and strangulation risks posed by cribs. The video has been released as part of a national educational campaign.

Our firm hopes that these monthly CPSC product recall reviews and brief news updates will help readers better protect themselves against the many dangerous products that keep

finding their way to the marketplace. (Readers interested in reviewing the complete October 2010 CPSC product recall list can visit the following link:

<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prereloct10.html>).

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