



Infant Deaths Lead to Baby Monitor Recalls

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Perhaps the saddest recalls involve products designed to keep small children safe that are later linked to infant deaths. Close to two million Summer Infant Video Baby Monitors are being recalled following the strangulation deaths of two infants. One of these two children strangled in a baby monitor electrical cord after the monitor was mounted on the changing table next to his crib.

All parents are urgently warned to avoid placing these types of monitors (and their cords) within three feet of any small child. Summer Infant, based in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, is recalling more than 40 separate models of these digital, handheld and color baby monitors. Major retailers sold all of these monitors between 2003 and 2011.

Rechargeable Batteries Also Being Recalled

Summer Infant is also recalling the rechargeable batteries provided with another 58,000 video monitors sold only by Babies R Us between 2009 and 2010. Reports indicate that consumers may suffer burn injuries if the batteries included with the Slim and Secure Video Monitors overheat and rupture. More than five reports of ruptured batteries have been received, including three involving property damage.

Summer Infant's New Safety Campaign

In an effort to properly warn caregivers about the potential dangers posed by baby monitor cords and wiring, Summer Infant is making safety instructions available to the general public

and placing new labels on the baby monitors' electrical cords. Consumers are reminded that most of these baby monitors were sold at prices ranging from \$60 to \$300. *(For further information, readers can visit the following two links:*

<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml11/11127.html> and

<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml11/11126.html>).

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