

Summer Safety: Avoid Using Recalled Sports and Recreation Products

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Outdoor sports and activities figure heavily in most people's summer schedules. For this reason, it's important to avoid using recalled sporting goods and recreation equipment. While some of us may prefer to jump on bicycles, ATVs or trampolines, others may favor rollerblades or swimming pools to find their bliss. Regardless of your favorite summer activities, we hope you'll take a brief tour around your home and garage to make sure you aren't preparing to use any of the recalled recreational equipment we've referenced below.

Our firm has put together two lists of recalled recreational products based on the types of risks they pose. Before packing your bags or just heading out into the backyard with family and friends, we hope you'll print out this list and compare it to the sports gear currently being used by your family. Should you find any recalled products, refrain from using them and make sure you contact the manufacturers immediately to determine what type of remedies may be available. (Most manufacturers or their distributors maintain Internet Web sites.)

Products Posing Fall, Laceration and General Injury Hazards

- Rollerblade USA recalled about 29,000 pairs of Inline Skates in November 2010 due to loose frame mounting bolts and wheel axle bolts;
- **Bravo Sports** recalled close to **160,000** of its **Trampolines** in October of 2010 due to the dangers posed by these products when they aren't assembled properly;

Giant Manufacturing Company Ltd., of Taiwan, recalled about 370 of its 2011
 Model Year Giant Anthem X 29er Bicycles in November 2010 since these bike frames may crack where the seat posts and top tubes join together;

During 2010 and 2011, many other **bicycle manufacturers** recalled some of their products posing various hazards:

- Felt Bicycles recalled (close to 2,900 units of its) 2009 Felt Model B12, B16 and S32 Road Bikes;
- Seattle Bike Supply recalled about 330 of its 2010 Redline Conquest Cyclocross
 Bicycles and Framesets;
- Procycle recalled approximately 325 of its Rocky Mountain Bicycles;
- Easton Sports recalled about 200 Bicycles with 2010 EC90 Zero Seat Posts; and
- REI (Recreational Equipment, Inc.) recalled close to 160 Novara Fusion Bicycles;
- EB Brands recalled about 29,700 units of its Exercise Resistance Stretch Tubing in February of 2011; Likewise, Dick's Sporting Goods recalled about 229,000 Fitness Resistance Tubes (in March of 2011);
- In February of 2011, Perfect Fitness recalled about 7,000 Perfect Pullups;
- In September of 2010, Simms Fishing Products recalled about 3,000 Wading
 Staffs (These products are used by fisherman while walking through various water depths) since certain weaknesses can cause the staffs to break;

Products Posing Fire, Burn and Drowning Risks

- Katadyn North America recalled Camping Stoves and Equipment in November of 2010 (about 5,300 units were recalled in theU. S. and close to 2,400 units in Canada);
- In March of 2011, Baja Motorsports recalled about 4,300 Dirt Bikes sold exclusively at Pep Boys; Back in July of 2010, this same company also recalled close to 308,000 Mini Bikes and Go Carts;
- In March of 2011, American Suzuki Motor Corp. recalled close to 29,000
 KingQuad ATVs;
- In April of 2011, Active Leisure recalled about 19,000 Tents sold exclusively at Costco;

- In March of 2011, Ocean Technology Systems recalled Guardian Full-Face Diving
 Masks (about 1,700 of these units were recalled in the U. S. and close to 80 in
 Canada);
- WRK Enterprises, in May of 2011, recalled Edge and HOG Buoyancy Control
 Devices (about 750 were recalled in the U. S. and approximately 20 in Canada);
- In May of 2011, Sea Elite Systems recalled its Buoyancy Control
 Devices (about 405 in the U. S. and about 48 in Canada); and
- In June of 2010, Aqua Lung America recalled Apeks WTX Power
 Inflators (about 1,380 in the U. S. and about 530 in Canada).

We hope these lists will help you enjoy as many safe and carefree summer recreational moments as possible. (Readers interested in reviewing the entire list of recalled sporting goods and recreational products for that past several years can do so by visiting the following link: http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/category/sports.htm)

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