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Safe kids

Safe Kids monthly E-Newsletter contains information on new recalls, safety announcements, and events to help ensure your little ones safety all year long!

Please call or email with your comments, or suggestions.

Go to www.nlcsafekids.org today!!

Holiday Safety

If you decorate a tree, Safe Kids NLC recommends these precautions:

- Never leave a lit Christmas tree or other decorative lighting display unattended. Inspect lights for exposed or frayed wires, loose connections and broken sockets. Do not overload extension cords or outlets and do not run an electrical cord under a rug.
- Natural Christmas trees always involve some risk of fire. To minimize the risk, get a fresh tree and keep it watered at all times. Do not put the tree near a fireplace, space heater, radiator or heat vent.
- Decorate your tree with children in mind. Do not put ornaments that have small detachable parts or metal hooks, or look like food or candy, on the lower branches where small children can reach them. Trim protruding branches at or below a child's eye level, and keep lights out of reach.

Safe Kids also offers these tips to prevent accidental poisoning:

- Keep alcohol (including baking extracts) out of reach and do not leave alcoholic drinks unattended.
- Color additives used in fireplace fires are a toxic product and should be stored out of reach. Artificial snow sprays are also harmful if inhaled.
- Holly berries, mistletoe berries, poinsettias, amaryllis, boxwood, Christmas rose, Crown of Thorns, English ivy and Jerusalem cherry are all potentially harmful if eaten.
- For more information, or to find out whether other decorative plants and products are hazardous to children, call your local Poison Control Center at 800-222-1222.



Child Safety Seat Inspections

- 12/1- Norwich FD 10-1
- 12/6- Mohegan 12-3 PM
- 12/12- L&M 4-7 PM
- 12/14- L&M 4-7 PM
- 12/19- L&M 4-7 PM
- 12/21- L&M 4-7 PM
- 12/28- L&M 4-7 PM
- 12/5- L&M 4-7 PM
- 12/7- L&M 4-7 PM
- 12/13- Mohegan 10-1 PM
- 12/15- Norwich FD 10-1 PM
- 12/20- Mohegan 12-3 PM
- 12/27- Mohegan 12-3 PM

Please note:
All Car Seat Checks are by Appointment ONLY!!!!

Please bring your car seat, directions to the car seat, and the owner's manual for your vehicle.

Call (860) 442-0733

RECALLS!

Please check www.recalls.gov for more recalls, as *this list is not exhaustive*



Children's Parka Jackets

Name of Product: Children's parka jackets, with drawstrings

Hazard: The garments have a drawstring through the hood, posing a strangulation hazard to children.

Description: The jackets come in seven color combinations: black with a grey stripe along the sleeves, light blue with a black stripe along the sleeves, grey with a black stripe along the sleeves, navy blue with a grey stripe along the sleeves, yellow with a grey stripe along the sleeves and navy blue with a white stripe across the chest, and black with a white stripe across the chest.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately remove the drawstrings from the sweatshirts to eliminate the hazard. Consumers should contact Dollar Days Customer Service for a refund or store credit.

Consumer Contact: Dollar Days International toll-free at (877) 837-9569 between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. ET

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Polly Pocket™ Polly Place™ Treetop
Clubhouse™ Playset



(this is only an example)

Mattel's Polly Pocket Magnetic Play Sets

Name of Products: Polly Pocket dolls and accessories with magnets

Hazard: Tiny magnets inside the dolls and accessories can fall out undetected by parents and caregivers. The magnets can be swallowed, aspirated by young children or placed by a child in their nose or ears. When more than one magnet is swallowed, the magnets can attract each other and cause intestinal perforation, infection or blockage, which can be fatal. Aspiration to the lungs requires immediate surgery.

Description: The recalled Polly Pocket play sets contain plastic dolls and accessories that have small magnets. The magnets measure 1/8 inch in diameter and are imbedded in the hands and feet of some dolls, and in the plastic clothing, hair pieces and other accessories to help the pieces attach to the doll or to the doll's house.

Consumer Contact: Mattel at (888) 597-6597 anytime, or visit the firm's Web site at www.service.mattel.com



Target Recalls Various Toys Due to Lead and Laceration Hazards

Name of Product: Various "Kool Toyz" Children's Products

Hazard: Some of these toys contain lead paint, which is toxic if ingested by young children and can cause adverse health effects. Also, some of the toys have sharp points, posing laceration or puncture wound hazards.

Description: The recall involves "Kool Toyz" brand toys, including sets containing die-cast cars, playground set, dollhouse set, dinosaurs, trucks, boats and planes. The packaging is primary blue and has the "Kool Toyz" logo is on the upper left corner of the packaging.

Consumer Contact: Target at (800) 440-0680 between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. CT Monday - Friday, or visit www.target.com



Infant Car Seat

Model(s): 22-331 and 22-332 Alpha Elite Comfort Infant Seat; 22-630 and 22-631 Eddie Bauer Comfort Infant

Production Dates: July 26, 2005 - February 28, 2006

Defect: One or more of the six handle trim screws can loosen and fall out into the child occupant area. The child could then pick up the screw and place it into his or her mouth.

Corrective Action: The child could choke on a screw. Owners can obtain the repair kit by contacting DJG at 1-877-229-1374. The recall is expected to begin on November 21, 2006.

Convertible Car Seat

Model(s): Boulevard - E9L57 - Child restraint systems

Production Dates: March 1, 2006 - August 1, 2006

Noncompliance: During testing, the tether hook opened which fails to conform to the dynamic performance and child restraint system integrity requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 213, "Child Restraint Systems."

Corrective Action: If the top tether hook opens during a crash, the child restraint could change from an upright to a reclined position increasing the risk of injury to the child. Registered owners will automatically receive labels along with instructions advising caregivers to discontinue use of the top tether when the child reaches 50 lbs. Non-registered owners can obtain labels by contacting Britax at 1-888-427-4829. The recall is expected to begin on December 1, 2006.





Toy Safety

Safe Kids recommends these precautions:

Use a small parts tester or the cardboard tube from a roll of toilet paper to identify choking hazards. Do not let small children play with anything that can fit into one of these cylinders.

Inspect toys to make sure they are in good repair. Do not let young children play with toys that have straps, cords or strings longer than 7 inches, due to the risk of strangulation.

Supervise children playing with any toy that has small parts, moving parts, electrical or battery power, cords, wheels or any other potentially risky component. (Simply being in the same room as your child is not necessarily supervising. Active supervision means keeping the child in sight and in reach and paying undivided attention.)

Teach children to put toys away after playing, to help prevent falls and unsupervised play, and make sure toys intended for younger children are stored separately from those for older children. Toy chests should be equipped or retrofitted with safety hinges that prevent the lid from closing on a child who is leaning over the open chest; if a chest does not have safety hinges, remove the lid.

New London — Parents and caregivers can make sure they’re choosing safe toys for their children by paying close attention to warning labels and manufacturer’s guidelines. “More than 3 billion toys and games are sold in the United States every year, and most of them are very safe. Warning labels and manufacturers’ instructions tell you how to use the product safely,” says Esther Schuman, Safe Kids New London County coordinator. “If the manufacturer sets a minimum age or other restrictions, there’s a reason. Follow the instructions.”

“By far, the biggest category of toy-related injuries — about 40 percent — involves riding toys, such as scooters, inline skates and skateboards,” says Schuman. “If you give a riding toy to a child, remember: the gift isn’t complete without a helmet and protective gear.” Riding toys should not be used near vehicle traffic, stairs, swimming pools or bodies of water.

“If you buy toys secondhand or get hand-me-downs, visit www.recalls.gov to make sure the toy hasn’t been recalled for safety reasons,” says Esther Schuman. “If a new toy comes with a product registration card, mail it in right away so the manufacturer can contact you if the item is ever recalled.”

Don’t hesitate to report defects or design features that seem dangerous. “If your child has a close call, the next child might not be so lucky,” says Schuman. “Report safety concerns about toys to the Consumer Product Safety Commission at 800-638-2772 or www.cpsc.gov. Your experience could be part of a pattern that might lead to a recall.”



BACK IS BEST:
Kids under 13 should ride in the back seat on every ride!!!!!!



Even “big” 8-12 year olds need to be in the back seat.

Air Bags come out very fast (about 200 mph) and **children don’t have the bone density to withstand the impact of an airbag.**

Even if you’re 10 year old is taller and weighs more than you, it’s **STILL NOT SAFE** to allow them in the front seat.

Keep them in the back and keep them safe!

“You should never ask your three-year-old brother to hold a tomato.”
-Alecia, age 12