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Powered Scooters

In the past two years, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has seen an increase in the popularity of powered scooters and a corresponding increase in deaths and injuries associated with them.

Most powered (or motorized) scooters are two-wheeled scooters. They are similar to the popular unpowered scooters but are equipped with either a small 2-cycle gasoline engine or an electric motor and a battery.

Deaths Associated with Powered Scooters

CPSC is aware of at least seven deaths associated with powered scooters since the beginning of 2000.¹ The victims ranged in age from six to 46. Four incidents were motor vehicle-related. In at least four cases, the victims were not wearing helmets and suffered head injuries. Typical scenarios included:

- A 6-year-old boy in San Juan Capistrano, California who died of head injuries sustained after falling off a powered scooter in August 2000. He was not wearing a helmet.
- A 27-year-old Phoenix, Arizona man who died in July 2001 after being struck by a motor vehicle while he was riding a powered scooter.
- A 45-year-old woman who died in July 2001 from head injuries sustained after falling from a powered scooter near Escanaba, Michigan. She was riding a friend's scooter and was not wearing a helmet.

Injuries Associated with Powered Scooters

In 2000, U.S. hospital emergency rooms treated an estimated 4,390 injuries associated with powered scooters. This represents more than a 200% increase over the 1999 estimate of 1,330 (Figure 1).

In the first nine months of 2001, powered scooters sent an estimated 2,870 injured persons to emergency rooms. In the same period of 2000, an estimated 2,760 persons sought treatment. This represents virtually no change. If injuries continue at this rate, the increase in injuries from 2000 to 2001 is not expected to be as dramatic as the previous year's increase.

The first full year for which CPSC collected data on powered scooters was 1999. The most frequently injured body parts were arms and legs. The most common injuries were fractures. In 2000, an estimated 1,730 (39%) of the injuries occurred to children under 15 years of age. In the first nine months of 2001, an estimated 1,340 (47%) injuries to this age group have occurred.

By comparison,

Estimated Powered Scooters Injuries

	1999	2000	2001
Jan. – Dec.	1,330	4,390	Incomplete data
Jan. – Sep.	1,130	2,760	2,870+

+Data collection for this period is not yet complete.
Source: CPSC's NEISS

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Figure 1

injuries with unpowered scooters in the first nine months of 2001 totaled an estimated 86,540. Although this is already more than a 100% increase over the 2000 total for the full year, this trend may be leveling off.² This may be due to contraction of the scooter market, and the same market forces may be affecting injuries associated with powered scooters.

CPSC staff obtained the injury estimates given here from CPSC's National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS), a probability sample of 100 hospitals with 24-hour emergency rooms and more than six beds.

Marketplace Information

Some manufacturers are retrofitting stocks of non-powered scooters with electric motors. In addition, kits are available to retrofit non-powered scooters.

The gasoline-powered scooters usually cost between \$400 and \$1,300. The electric scooters range from under \$200 to about \$1,000.

— Robin L. Ingle, Directorate for Epidemiology

¹CPSC is aware of several other deaths associated with "motor scooters". These accounts have been gleaned mostly through newspaper articles that do not identify whether the motor scooter involved was a motorcycle-type scooter (meant to be ridden while seated) or a scooter on which the user rides in a standing position.

²Rutherford, G.W.; Ingle, R.L.; and Mills, A.E. Unpowered Scooters: Analysis of Special Study Data, Injury Rates, and a Comparison with Other Riding Products. U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 2001.

Tips for Safe Riding

To help prevent injury while riding a powered scooter, CPSC recommends taking the following safety precautions.

- Wear a helmet, along with knee and elbow pads. This protective gear is available for less than \$35.
- Make sure both handle bars and the steering column are securely locked in place before riding.
- Routinely check all nuts and bolts to make sure they are secure.
- Wear sturdy shoes.
- Owners of powered scooters should check with local authorities for riding guidelines and restrictions.
- Do not ride at night.
- Ride the scooters on smooth, paved surfaces without any motor vehicle traffic. Avoid streets, or surfaces with water, sand, gravel, or dirt.
- Children under 12 should not ride powered scooters.

Reminder: Cadet Heater Recall Deadline

If you own a Cadet heater, you must file a claim by February 17, 2002 to participate in the recall of 1.9 million Cadet and Encore brand in-wall heaters (see below). CPSC and Cadet Manufacturing announced this recall in February 2000, expanding the original recall of 190,000 heaters announced in October 1997.

Cadet is offering consumers replacement heaters at a significantly reduced cost. Each heater will cost between \$25 and \$57, depending on the model. Also, consumers who replaced their recalled units from October 23, 1997 through February 17, 2000 can file a claim for partial reimbursement of \$25 per heater.

CPSC alleges that these heaters, which were distributed mainly in California, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington, can overheat and catch fire. Flames, sparks, or molten particles can spew through the front grill cover of the heater into the living area of a residence, putting consumers at risk from fires – including burn injuries, smoke inhalation and property damage. The heaters also can become energized, creating a risk of electric shock.

CPSC previously became aware of more than 320 reports of heaters that smoked, sparked, caught fire, emitted flames, or ejected burning particles or molten materials. These incidents allegedly resulted in three deaths, two serious burn injuries, and property damage claims exceeding \$1.2 million.

The following models of Cadet and Encore brands are involved in the recall: FW, FX, LX, TK, ZA, Z, RA, RK, RLX, RX and ZC. The brand and model are located on a label on the front of the heat box, behind the grill.

Before removing the grill to check the identification label, consumers must disconnect the power supply to the heater at the circuit breaker. If power is not disconnected, consumers risk electrocution and shock.

CPSC strongly urges consumers to participate in this recall. Since the recalled heaters pose a fire hazard until they are replaced, consumers should have at least one fully operational smoke alarm on every floor of their home, especially near bedrooms.

Consumers must register to participate in this recall by February 17, 2002. To register, contact Cadet at (800) 567-2613 anytime or visit the firm's website at www.cadetco.com.

NEISS Data Highlights — 2000

CPSC's National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS) collects current injury data associated with 15,000 categories of consumer products from U.S. hospital emergency departments across the country. Consisting of a national probability sample of hospitals of differing sizes and locations, NEISS provides national estimates of the number and types of consumer product-related injuries.

The 2000 NEISS estimates have been produced from an updated sample of 100 hospitals, including children's hospitals. Information from NEISS is available to the public through CPSC's National Injury Information Clearinghouse (phone: 301-504-0424). For information about NEISS, contact: Dr. Susan Ahmed (phone: 301-504-0470/ e-mail: saahmed@cpsc.gov).

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				Age						Sex		Disposition	
				All Ages	00-04	05-14	15-24	25-64	65+	Male	Female	Treated & Rel.	Hosp. & DOA
Child Nursery Equipment													
All Nursery Equipment	92,137	.08	3,419	92,137	76,842	3,095	2,533	8,053	1,544	46,108	46,024	89,154	2,577
				33.5	405.8	7.8	6.6	5.6	4.4	34.3	32.7	32.4	0.9
Toys													
All Toys	184,483	.08	5,519	184,483	70,627	76,391	13,374	21,280	2,811	112,682	71,801	180,808	3,361
				67.1	373.0	192.6	34.9	14.8	8.1	83.8	51.1	65.7	1.2
Sports & Recreational Equipment													
ATV's, Mopeds, Minibikes, etc.	184,372	.08	4,066	184,372	3,601	53,741	60,053	65,803	1,136	149,675	34,587	166,221	17,899
				67.0	19.0	135.5	156.6	45.9	3.3	111.3	24.6	60.4	6.5
Amusement Attractions (incl. Rides)	21,251	.17	547	21,251	2,232	7,605	4,107	7,068	239	10,154	11,097	20,818	427
				7.7	11.8	19.2	10.7	4.9	0.7	7.5	7.9	7.6	0.2
Barbecue Grills, Stoves, Equipment	19,477	.09	532	19,477	3,970	2,726	3,446	8,482	854	11,548	7,929	18,808	628
				7.1	21.0	6.9	9.0	5.9	2.5	8.6	5.6	6.8	0.2
Baseball, Softball	308,931	.06	7,831	308,931	7,769	117,249	88,341	93,860	1,642	216,590	92,324	303,212	5,086
				112.3	41.0	295.6	230.3	65.5	4.7	161.0	65.7	110.2	1.8
Basketball	600,256	.06	16,117	600,256	2,538	193,404	277,002	126,349	736	484,279	115,835	593,766	5,762
				218.2	13.4	487.6	722.2	88.1	2.1	360.0	82.4	215.8	2.1
Beach, Picnic, Camping Equipment	19,333	.10	445	19,333	3,236	4,262	2,391	7,656	1,789	9,995	9,338	18,667	666
				7.0	17.1	10.7	6.2	5.3	5.1	7.4	6.6	6.8	0.2
Bicycles & Accessories	627,164	.07	17,570	627,164	36,834	336,252	95,720	145,267	12,978	452,096	174,882	598,133	27,748
				228.0	194.5	847.7	249.6	101.3	37.3	336.1	124.4	217.4	10.1
Boxing	13,704	.11	323	13,704	146	1,601	7,069	4,888	0	12,043	1,661	13,564	140
				5.0	0.8	4.0	18.4	3.4	0.0	9.0	1.2	4.9	0.1
Exercise, Exercise Equipment	252,118	.09	7,024	252,118	10,557	38,842	66,882	121,263	14,557	146,508	105,610	244,410	7,430
				91.6	55.7	97.9	174.4	84.6	41.8	108.9	75.1	88.8	2.7
Football	399,501	.07	10,878	399,501	1,451	185,736	171,285	40,613	416	375,227	24,028	392,248	6,723
				145.2	7.7	468.3	446.6	28.3	1.2	279.0	17.1	142.6	2.4
Hockey	73,636	.17	1,650	73,636	742	25,404	28,065	19,000	267	60,692	12,944	73,046	485
				26.8	3.9	64.0	73.2	13.3	0.8	45.1	9.2	26.5	0.2
Horseback Riding	79,095	.11	1,689	79,095	910	15,624	13,617	46,798	2,146	29,927	49,168	70,576	8,405
				28.7	4.8	39.4	35.5	32.6	6.2	22.2	35.0	25.7	3.1
In-line Skating	90,164	.09	2,580	90,164	1,084	57,757	14,330	16,754	222	49,307	40,857	87,161	2,723
				32.8	5.7	145.6	37.4	11.7	0.6	36.7	29.1	31.7	1.0

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				Age					Sex		Disposition		
				All Ages	00-04	05-14	15-24	25-64	65+	Male	Female	Treated & Rel.	Hosp. & DOA
Lacrosse, Rugby, Misc. Ball Games	86,735	.09	2,307	86,735	4,572	44,183	24,801	12,578	601	57,153	29,583	85,201	1,321
				31.5	24.1	111.4	64.7	8.8	1.7	42.5	21.0	31.0	0.5
Nonpowder Guns, BB'S, Pellets	22,030	.08	598	22,030	340	10,767	7,164	3,689	71	19,304	2,720	20,301	1,705
				8.0	1.8	27.1	18.7	2.6	0.2	14.4	1.9	7.4	0.6
Playground Equipment	246,030	.06	8,052	246,030	59,526	172,742	4,962	7,870	929	132,982	112,890	235,746	9,871
				89.4	314.4	435.5	12.9	5.5	2.7	98.9	80.3	85.7	3.6
Racquet Sports	34,144	.14	829	34,144	446	5,052	7,686	18,082	2,877	23,174	10,953	32,882	1,245
				12.4	2.4	12.7	20.0	12.6	8.3	17.2	7.8	12.0	0.5
Skateboards	86,781	.15	2,219	86,781	1,234	49,932	27,465	7,901	249	75,993	10,788	83,277	3,351
				31.5	6.5	125.9	71.6	5.5	0.7	56.5	7.7	30.3	1.2
Skating (excl. In-line)	91,823	.07	2,551	91,823	2,048	54,163	12,287	22,883	373	38,353	53,470	89,174	2,591
				33.4	10.8	136.6	32.0	16.0	1.1	28.5	38.0	32.4	0.9
Snowmobiles	17,696	.23	298	17,696	277	2,112	4,108	11,122	78	13,591	4,106	15,232	2,464
				6.4	1.5	5.3	10.7	7.8	0.2	10.1	2.9	5.5	0.9
Soccer	185,064	.13	4,857	185,064	604	85,428	68,792	29,990	251	113,722	71,335	181,691	3,009
				67.3	3.2	215.4	179.4	20.9	0.7	84.5	50.7	66.0	1.1
Swimming, Pools, Equipment	151,968	.19	3,859	151,968	15,357	62,359	26,056	44,249	3,879	87,378	64,590	145,488	6,213
				55.2	81.1	157.2	67.9	30.9	11.1	65.0	45.9	52.9	2.3
Toboggans, Sleds, Snow Discs, etc.	43,602	.13	1,020	43,602	2,483	23,680	7,809	9,455	17	24,864	18,738	41,912	1,690
				15.8	13.1	59.7	20.4	6.6	0.0	18.5	13.3	15.2	0.6
Track & Field Activities, Equipment	17,552	.12	475	17,552	81	8,235	8,303	640	222	8,130	9,422	17,277	274
				6.4	0.4	20.8	21.6	0.4	0.6	6.0	6.7	6.3	0.1
Trampolines	100,303	.09	2,689	100,303	11,036	70,865	13,082	5,231	18	57,456	42,846	97,301	2,815
				36.5	58.3	178.7	34.1	3.6	0.1	42.7	30.5	35.4	1.0
Volleyball	64,527	.10	1,502	64,527	108	15,731	27,568	20,600	440	26,854	37,672	64,263	257
				23.5	0.6	39.7	71.9	14.4	1.3	20.0	26.8	23.4	0.1
Water Skiing, Tubing, Surfing	27,846	.29	502	27,846	0	5,083	8,883	13,812	68	21,841	6,005	26,889	922
				10.1	0.0	12.8	23.2	9.6	0.2	16.2	4.3	9.8	0.3
Home Comm'n & Entertainment													
Sound Recording Equipment	40,284	.06	1,091	40,284	6,381	5,449	6,583	14,903	6,820	18,418	21,866	37,225	2,984
				14.6	33.7	13.7	17.2	10.4	19.6	13.7	15.5	13.5	1.1
Television Sets & Stands	48,439	.06	1,373	48,439	14,692	7,665	4,988	15,560	5,534	26,616	21,823	46,219	2,051
				17.6	77.6	19.3	13.0	10.9	15.9	19.8	15.5	16.8	0.7
Personal Use Items													
Cigarettes, Lighters, Fuel	21,769	.14	562	21,769	4,566	2,407	4,716	8,502	1,578	13,390	8,310	19,841	1,827
				7.9	24.1	6.1	12.3	5.9	4.5	10.0	5.9	7.2	0.7
Clothing	170,920	.09	4,324	170,920	10,468	29,277	28,347	75,529	27,160	75,481	95,439	161,648	9,083
				62.1	55.3	73.8	73.9	52.7	78.0	56.1	67.9	58.8	3.3
Drug Poisonings to Children under 5	45,820	.10	1,750	45,820	45,673	0	0	0	0	24,282	21,537	39,474	6,270
				16.7	241.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.1	15.3	14.3	2.3

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				Age						Sex		Disposition	
				All Ages	00-04	05-14	15-24	25-64	65+	Male	Female	Treated & Rel.	Hosp. & DOA
Grooming Devices	29,645	.08	929	29,645	10,764	3,761	2,716	9,744	2,661	10,581	19,064	28,986	600
				10.8	56.8	9.5	7.1	6.8	7.6	7.9	13.6	10.5	0.2
Razors, Shavers, Razor Blades	34,279	.08	836	34,279	2,278	2,944	9,421	17,043	2,524	22,427	11,853	33,821	423
				12.5	12.0	7.4	24.6	11.9	7.2	16.7	8.4	12.3	0.2
Household Containers													
Cans, Other Containers	253,451	.06	6,409	253,451	29,697	35,018	41,655	125,347	21,594	120,301	133,150	248,022	4,949
				92.1	156.8	88.3	108.6	87.4	62.0	89.4	94.7	90.1	1.8
Glass Bottles, Jars	42,522	.06	1,162	42,522	3,929	6,277	11,179	19,028	2,041	26,459	16,063	41,062	1,139
				15.5	20.7	15.8	29.1	13.3	5.9	19.7	11.4	14.9	0.4
Yard & Garden Equipment													
Chain Saws	26,711	.09	546	26,711	107	481	3,884	19,319	2,920	25,041	1,670	25,314	1,397
				9.7	0.6	1.2	10.1	13.5	8.4	18.6	1.2	9.2	0.5
Hand Garden Tools	47,275	.08	1,016	47,275	1,896	6,769	4,521	27,837	6,164	30,558	16,700	45,401	1,790
				17.2	10.0	17.1	11.8	19.4	17.7	22.7	11.9	16.5	0.7
Lawn & Garden Equipment	73,431	.06	1,688	73,431	3,474	9,151	5,853	40,023	14,930	45,178	28,253	70,864	2,531
				26.7	18.3	23.1	15.3	27.9	42.9	33.6	20.1	25.8	0.9
Lawn Mowers	83,419	.09	1,854	83,419	2,383	5,145	7,683	55,096	13,024	61,375	22,045	78,221	5,052
				30.3	12.6	13.0	20.0	38.4	37.4	45.6	15.7	28.4	1.8
Other Power Lawn Equipment	21,506	.11	445	21,506	545	1,708	1,838	13,787	3,627	17,947	3,559	20,258	1,248
				7.8	2.9	4.3	4.8	9.6	10.4	13.3	2.5	7.4	0.5
Trimmers, Small Power Garden Tools	14,604	.11	288	14,604	133	462	1,628	10,521	1,859	9,941	4,663	14,167	437
				5.3	0.7	1.2	4.2	7.3	5.3	7.4	3.3	5.1	0.2
Home Workshop Equipment													
Hoists, Lifts, Jacks, etc.	15,533	.09	335	15,533	234	519	3,851	9,818	1,111	13,438	2,095	14,744	616
				5.6	1.2	1.3	10.0	6.8	3.2	10.0	1.5	5.4	0.2
Power Home Tools (excl. Saws)	34,702	.09	695	34,702	540	1,578	4,823	23,894	3,867	31,900	2,802	33,971	696
				12.6	2.9	4.0	12.6	16.7	11.1	23.7	2.0	12.3	0.3
Power Home Workshop Saws	89,670	.07	1,953	89,670	204	2,255	8,612	59,451	19,000	85,188	4,482	84,040	5,531
				32.6	1.1	5.7	22.5	41.5	54.6	63.3	3.2	30.5	2.0
Welding, Soldering, Cutting Tools	15,974	.11	348	15,974	173	245	3,924	11,176	455	15,341	633	15,871	103
				5.8	0.9	0.6	10.2	7.8	1.3	11.4	0.4	5.8	0.0
Wires, Cords, Not Specified	12,961	.10	324	12,961	257	1,906	2,026	7,103	1,669	8,477	4,483	12,579	248
				4.7	1.4	4.8	5.3	5.0	4.8	6.3	3.2	4.6	0.1
Workshop Manual Tools	116,493	.06	2,579	116,493	3,342	8,803	19,591	77,393	7,294	101,339	15,154	114,387	1,783
				42.3	17.6	22.2	51.1	54.0	20.9	75.3	10.8	41.6	0.6
Home Maintenance													
Cleaning Agents (excl. Soaps)	35,754	.09	1,038	35,754	11,318	2,536	4,107	15,821	1,972	15,500	20,254	34,576	1,080
				13.0	59.8	6.4	10.7	11.0	5.7	11.5	14.4	12.6	0.4
Cleaning Equip., Non-caustic Deterg.	31,004	.07	812	31,004	3,111	4,483	4,114	15,529	3,767	14,602	16,403	30,384	614
				11.3	16.4	11.3	10.7	10.8	10.8	10.9	11.7	11.0	0.2

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Paints, Solvents, Lubricants	18,413	.10	436	18,413	2,377	1,355	2,406	11,184	1,090	12,108	6,305	17,409	868
				6.7	12.6	3.4	6.3	7.8	3.1	9.0	4.5	6.3	0.3
Soaps, Detergents	15,222	.12	442	15,222	3,772	1,933	2,229	6,529	758	5,996	9,225	15,000	146
				5.5	19.9	4.9	5.8	4.6	2.2	4.5	6.6	5.5	0.1
General Household Appliances													
Cooking Ranges, Ovens, etc.	44,939	.06	1,243	44,939	11,067	5,096	4,727	19,614	4,365	20,547	24,392	43,098	1,620
				16.3	58.4	12.8	12.3	13.7	12.5	15.3	17.3	15.7	0.6
Irons, Clothes Steamers (not Toys)	15,809	.13	637	15,809	8,985	2,280	950	3,018	576	7,536	8,273	15,377	403
				5.7	47.5	5.7	2.5	2.1	1.7	5.6	5.9	5.6	0.1
Refrigerators, Freezers	35,502	.05	865	35,502	2,783	2,182	4,851	20,127	5,489	20,264	15,238	33,898	1,421
				12.9	14.7	5.5	12.6	14.0	15.8	15.1	10.8	12.3	0.5
Small Kitchen Appliances	37,253	.06	882	37,253	2,841	2,749	5,740	22,251	3,673	17,074	20,111	36,529	666
				13.5	15.0	6.9	15.0	15.5	10.5	12.7	14.3	13.3	0.2
Washers, Dryers	18,754	.08	443	18,754	1,175	1,465	2,039	12,498	1,576	9,270	9,483	18,065	583
				6.8	6.2	3.7	5.3	8.7	4.5	6.9	6.7	6.6	0.2
Heating, Cooling, Vent. Equip.													
Air Conditioners	13,943	.08	334	13,943	704	1,239	1,722	9,003	1,257	10,003	3,940	13,419	440
				5.1	3.7	3.1	4.5	6.3	3.6	7.4	2.8	4.9	0.2
Chimneys, Fireplaces	19,699	.12	597	19,699	11,719	2,856	819	2,882	1,422	12,045	7,654	19,206	422
				7.2	61.9	7.2	2.1	2.0	4.1	9.0	5.4	7.0	0.2
Fans (excl. Stove Exhaust Fans)	16,623	.08	444	16,623	2,119	2,109	2,407	8,191	1,798	8,133	8,489	16,253	353
				6.0	11.2	5.3	6.3	5.7	5.2	6.0	6.0	5.9	0.1
Heating & Plumbing Pipes	43,855	.07	1,145	43,855	4,791	10,216	6,596	18,236	4,016	31,513	12,342	43,148	642
				15.9	25.3	25.8	17.2	12.7	11.5	23.4	8.8	15.7	0.2
Heating Stoves, Space Heaters	21,713	.09	533	21,713	6,705	4,230	1,329	7,594	1,855	13,053	8,659	20,255	1,333
				7.9	35.4	10.7	3.5	5.3	5.3	9.7	6.2	7.4	0.5
Radiators	12,928	.21	417	12,928	5,663	3,147	683	2,361	1,056	7,127	5,794	12,667	242
				4.7	29.9	7.9	1.8	1.6	3.0	5.3	4.1	4.6	0.1
Home Furnishings & Fixtures													
Bathroom Structures & Fixtures	277,510	.06	7,090	277,510	40,105	28,107	23,078	107,897	78,317	119,559	157,951	254,566	22,360
				100.9	211.8	70.9	60.2	75.3	224.9	88.9	112.3	92.5	8.1
Beds, Mattresses, Pillows	487,352	.06	13,998	487,352	146,528	82,158	28,333	93,176	136,934	226,512	260,764	445,419	41,279
				177.1	773.8	207.1	73.9	65.0	393.3	168.4	185.4	161.9	15.0
Carpets, Rugs	122,249	.08	3,219	122,249	19,262	10,615	6,875	37,965	47,532	40,210	81,806	107,970	14,197
				44.4	101.7	26.8	17.9	26.5	136.5	29.9	58.2	39.2	5.2
Chairs, Sofas, Sofa Beds	433,793	.05	12,102	433,793	125,923	62,494	28,524	118,111	98,670	191,619	242,027	403,735	29,197
				157.7	665.0	157.6	74.4	82.4	283.4	142.5	172.1	146.7	10.6
Desks, Cabinets, Shelves, Racks	248,458	.05	6,843	248,458	60,769	47,967	23,492	82,154	33,925	123,185	125,273	242,615	5,527
				90.3	320.9	120.9	61.3	57.3	97.4	91.6	89.1	88.2	2.0
Electric Fixt., Lamps, Equip.	53,983	.05	1,488	53,983	9,064	8,302	8,331	22,100	6,185	30,066	23,918	52,103	1,668
				19.6	47.9	20.9	21.7	15.4	17.8	22.4	17.0	18.9	0.6

* See page 7 for explanation.

NEISS Data Highlights — Calendar Year 2000

Product Groupings	Estimated Number of Injuries*	CV*	Number of Injuries*	<i>Estimated Number of Injuries (listed in italic) and Estimated Rate of Product-Related Injuries per 100,000 Population in the United States and Territories that were treated in Hospital Emergency Departments*</i>									
				Age						Sex		Disposition	
				All Ages	00-04	05-14	15-24	25-64	65+	Male	Female	Treated & Rel.	Hosp. & DOA
Holiday, Party Supplies	13,456	.10	332	13,456	3,512	1,042	757	6,680	1,464	7,229	6,227	12,687	762
				4.9	18.5	2.6	2.0	4.7	4.2	5.4	4.4	4.6	0.3
Ladders, Stools	197,198	.05	4,679	197,198	10,037	8,734	11,637	130,565	36,225	134,111	63,087	179,687	16,988
				71.7	53.0	22.0	30.3	91.1	104.0	99.7	44.9	65.3	6.2
Mirrors, Mirror Glass	24,497	.08	660	24,497	2,914	4,216	6,590	9,851	927	13,369	11,128	24,057	336
				8.9	15.4	10.6	17.2	6.9	2.7	9.9	7.9	8.7	0.1
Misc. Household Covers, Fabrics	22,326	.08	524	22,326	1,626	2,078	1,298	11,586	5,738	7,829	14,497	19,993	2,162
				8.1	8.6	5.2	3.4	8.1	16.5	5.8	10.3	7.3	0.8
Other Misc. Furniture & Accessories	92,938	.08	2,198	92,938	7,861	5,069	13,407	59,413	7,039	46,139	46,799	91,263	1,457
				33.8	41.5	12.8	35.0	41.4	20.2	34.3	33.3	33.2	0.5
Tables, not elsewhere classified	311,208	.05	9,003	311,208	131,485	48,282	21,539	69,445	40,311	169,804	141,334	302,168	8,668
				113.1	694.4	121.7	56.2	48.4	115.8	126.2	100.5	109.8	3.2
Home Structures & Const. Mat.													
Cabinet/Door Hardware	21,758	.08	549	21,758	4,300	4,243	2,158	7,639	3,419	10,693	10,917	21,088	551
				7.9	22.7	10.7	5.6	5.3	9.8	7.9	7.8	7.7	0.2
Fences	118,603	.06	3,416	118,603	7,333	41,710	23,793	38,398	7,369	82,184	36,419	113,834	4,394
				43.1	38.7	105.2	62.0	26.8	21.2	61.1	25.9	41.4	1.6
Glass Doors, Windows, Panels	177,486	.07	4,747	177,486	16,286	32,858	52,575	65,568	10,042	109,353	68,133	170,370	6,660
				64.5	86.0	82.8	137.1	45.7	28.8	81.3	48.5	61.9	2.4
Handrails, Railings, Banisters	40,927	.07	1,198	40,927	6,380	10,739	5,410	13,568	4,831	22,284	18,643	39,803	1,066
				14.9	33.7	27.1	14.1	9.5	13.9	16.6	13.3	14.5	0.4
Non-glass Doors, Panels	363,149	.07	10,257	363,149	73,855	81,431	54,767	118,025	34,979	179,418	183,576	353,892	8,641
				132.0	390.0	205.3	142.8	82.3	100.5	133.4	130.5	128.6	3.1
Outside Attached Struct. & Mat.	22,575	.09	523	22,575	984	2,032	2,794	14,797	1,968	18,510	4,065	20,778	1,797
				8.2	5.2	5.1	7.3	10.3	5.7	13.8	2.9	7.6	0.7
Stairs, Ramps, Landings, Floors	2,086,689	.07	52,645	2,086,689	260,700	220,176	234,448	795,165	575,739	782,729	303,603	1,880,352	203,333
				758.4	1376.7	555.1	611.3	554.7	1653.6	581.9	927.0	683.4	73.9
Window, Door Sills, Frames	60,257	.08	1,600	60,257	13,434	9,218	6,915	19,446	11,174	30,539	29,651	58,049	2,132
				21.9	70.9	23.2	18.0	13.6	32.1	22.7	21.1	21.1	0.8
Miscellaneous Products													
Dollies, Carts	45,708	.06	1,326	45,708	20,247	5,526	1,741	13,971	4,223	23,225	22,483	44,057	1,345
				16.6	106.9	13.9	4.5	9.7	12.1	17.3	16.0	16.0	0.5
Elevators, Other Lifts	19,335	.17	643	19,335	1,652	1,816	1,892	7,590	6,386	6,844	12,452	17,993	1,256
				7.0	8.7	4.6	4.9	5.3	18.3	5.1	8.9	6.5	0.5
Fireworks, Flares	11,072	.13	308	11,072	1,198	3,939	2,814	2,833	288	8,146	2,926	10,019	861
				4.0	6.3	9.9	7.3	2.0	0.8	6.1	2.1	3.6	0.3
Gasoline, Diesel Fuels	14,270	.09	363	14,270	1,169	2,488	2,616	7,113	884	11,459	2,811	12,082	2,188
				5.2	6.2	6.3	6.8	5.0	2.5	8.5	2.0	4.4	0.8

* **Estimated Number of Injuries:** Because NEISS is a probability sample, each injury case has a statistical weight. These are national estimates of the number of persons treated in U.S. hospital emergency departments with consumer product-related injuries and are derived by summing the statistical weights for the appropriate injury cases. The data system allows for reporting of up to two products for each person's injury, so a person's injury may be counted in two product groups.

* **CV (Coefficient of Variation):** The CV, the standard error of the estimate divided by the estimate, is a measure of sampling variability (errors that occur by chance because observations are made only on a population sample).

* **Number of Injuries:** This is the actual number of injury cases collected from the hospitals sampled. Since injury cases have different statistical weights, these "raw" numbers should not be used for comparative purposes.

* **Estimated Rate:** Estimated injury rates are calculated using the July 2000 census figures for the U.S. resident population.

MECAP NEWS

Medical Examiners and Coroners Alert Project and Emergency Physicians Reporting System

The MECAP-EPRS Project is designed to collect timely information on deaths and injuries involving consumer products. Please contact us whenever you encounter a death or situation that you believe should be considered during a safety evaluation of a product.

To report a case or ask for information about MECAP, please call our toll-free number, 1-800-638-8095, or our toll-free fax number, 1-800-809-0924, or send a message via Internet to AMCDONAL@CPSC.GOV.

*Indicates cases selected for CPSC follow-up investigations. Cases reported but not selected for follow-up also are important to CPSC. Every MECAP report is included in CPSC's injury data base and will be used to assess the hazards associated with consumer products.

During the months of July and August of 2001, 756 cases were reported to CPSC. Included here are samples of cases to illustrate the type and nature of the reported incidents.

ASPHYXIATIONS/ SUFFOCATIONS

*A male, 8 months, was put to bed for the night in a portable playpen. His mother checked on him about 30 minutes later, and found him face down with his neck in the collapsed side of the playpen. The cause of death was asphyxia due to neck compression. The playpen was subject to a recall in 1993. (Richard C. Harruff, M.D., Ph.D., Chief Medical Examiner, King County, Seattle, WA)

*A female, 6 weeks, was placed in a folding bassinet for a nap. The bassinet had been passed down and used by several people over the years. While the baby slept, both a metal band that provided support for the bassinet and one of the bassinet's legs broke. This caused the bassinet to tilt to one side. The mother found her daughter unresponsive, with the child's face against the cotton bunting that lined the bassinet. The cause of death was asphyxia. (Dave Fredericksen, M.D., Medical Examiner, Stearns County, St. Cloud, MN)

*A male, 4, was running and playing with neighborhood children when he began to choke and had trouble breathing. He was taken to the hospital where, after several attempts, a rubber balloon was removed from his airway. The cause of death was aspiration of foreign body. (James Matteson for James Hunt, M.D., Deputy Medical Examiner, Kalamazoo County, Kalamazoo, MI)

A female, 2 months, was sleeping on a waterbed with her mother. The mother got up and took a shower. When the mother returned, she found the infant unresponsive. The cause of death was positional asphyxia. (Valerie Rao, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, District Five, Leesburg, FL)

*A female, 6 months, was placed in a crib for a nap at a caregiver's home. The caregiver returned to check on the infant, who was hanging by her neck between the mattress and the crib rail. The used crib had recently been taken apart and re-assembled, and a screw to the crib rail was missing. The cause of death was mechanical asphyxia. (Carl L. Parrott, Jr., M.D., Coroner, Hamilton County, Cincinnati, OH)

A male, 6 weeks, was fed by his mother in the middle of the night. He was placed on his stomach in a small bassinet to go to sleep. When his mother checked on him in the morning, he was unresponsive with his face in soft bedding. The cause of death was asphyxia due to airway obstruction (by bedding). (Gary D. Cumberland, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, District One, Pensacola, FL)

A female, 4 months, was found unresponsive while taking a nap on a queen-sized bed at her grandmother's house. The infant's face was down into soft covers on the bed. The cause of death was positional asphyxia. (Brad B. Randall, M.D., Coroner, Minnehaha County, Sioux Falls, SD)

DROWNING

*A female, 7 months, was sitting in swivel baby bath seat in a bathtub. The telephone rang, and the mother left the child unattended to answer it. After a few minutes, the mother returned to find the infant floating face down in the bathtub. The cause of death was drowning. (Corinne Stern, D.O., Chief Medical Examiner, El Paso County, El Paso, TX)

A male, 18 months, was playing in the back yard with his grandfather. Some time later, the grandfather noticed the child missing and found him in a small decorative pond with about 18 inches of water. The cause of death was drowning. (James Eggleston for John Howard, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, Pierce County, Tacoma, WA)

*A male, 10, was in a hot tub when his arm became stuck in a drain. After being underwater for an undetermined amount of time, he was discov-

ered unconscious and freed from the drain. He died four days later. The cause of death was acute bronchopneumonia due to near drowning. (Valerie Rao, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, District Five, Leesburg, FL)

*A female, 3, was floating on an infant-sized inflatable ring in her family's pool. Her mother went indoors for several minutes, and returned to find the child floating facedown in the pool. The child died two days later. The cause of death was drowning. (Mary F. Baudino, for Patrick K. O'Neil, Coroner, Will County, Joliet, IL)

ELECTROCUTIONS

A female, 50, and her son, 30, returned to their residence to salvage some items after their home was flooded. The woman grabbed a television antenna and was electrocuted. Her son was also electrocuted when he tried to help her. (Joye M. Carter, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, Harris County, Houston, TX)

A female, 2, was playing in her backyard with a puppy. She was later found unresponsive after coming in contact with an electrified fence. The cause of death was electrocution. (David W. Jones for Alan Stringer, Coroner, Pulaski County, Eubank, KY)

FIRES

*A male, 66, was riding his lawn mower up a slope in his yard. The riding lawn mower kicked up and rolled over, pinning the man's leg under it. Gasoline from the riding lawnmower spilled out, and the mower burst into flames. The man freed himself but suffered second and third degree burns to his back, arms, and legs. He died a week later. The cause of death was complications from thermal burns. (Dr. Sara H. Irrgang, Associate Medical Examiner, District Nine, Medical Examiner's Office, Orlando, Florida)

A male, 29, was using paint thinner to strip a floor in his home. A kitchen stove ignited the fumes from the paint thinner. This caused a flash fire that burned the man on over 40% of his body. He died six weeks later. The

MECAP COMMENDATION

Gregory A. Schmunk, M.D., Coroner, Santa Clara County, California, has been selected to receive CPSC's MECAP Commendation.

The Santa Clara County Coroner's Office has been very supportive of CPSC's Medical Examiners and Coroners Alert Project (MECAP) for many years. Dr. Schmunk became the Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner for Santa Clara County in March 1999. Under Dr. Schmunk's leadership, the number of MECAP reports submitted in just the first seven months of 2001 exceeded the number submitted in 1999 and 2000.

Dr. Schmunk was also very supportive of CPSC's MECAP Program while the Chief Medical Examiner for Brown County and then Door County in Green Bay, Wisconsin, between December 1994 and February 1999. Prior to holding those positions, he worked as an Assistant Medical Examiner for the Coroner's Office in San Francisco, California during the fall of 1994 and in the same position at King County Coroner's Office in Seattle, Washington, between July 1988 and July 1989.

His fields of interest include wound pattern interpretation, child abuse, SIDS, and firearm injuries. Dr. Schmunk served on the



Dr. Gregory A. Schmunk

Child Death Review Team of Sacramento County and helped to establish teams for Brown County and the State of Wisconsin. He was also a member of the committee

which drafted the autopsy and investigative protocols for SIDS deaths in California.

In addition to his work experience as a Medical Examiner, Dr. Schmunk has worked in several teaching and fellowship positions at numerous universities. He is a member of several organizations, including the California State Child Death Review Council, the Santa Clara County Child Death Review Team, and the National Association of Medical Examiners.

Dr. Schmunk was born in Ohio and grew up in San Diego, California. He graduated magna cum laude from the University of California, San Diego. In 1983, he graduated from the University of Southern California medical school.

— Ken Felton, Investigator

cause of death was respiratory distress syndrome due to complications of thermal burns. (Mary K. Mainland, M.D., Medical Examiner, Central District, Richmond, VA)

MISCELLANEOUS

*A male, 2, was at home with his mother. She heard a crash in another room and found that the television had fallen on her child. He later died. The cause of death was a skull fracture. (James Eggleston for John Howard, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, Pierce County, Tacoma, WA)

*A male, 12, and his brother were taking turns riding their go-cart on a dirt track at a fairground. The boy's go-cart skidded and turned over with the seat landing on the boy's head. He was not wearing a helmet. The cause of death was cerebral edema and brain stem compression. (Susan Boone, Coroner, Sangamon County, Springfield, IL)

— Denny Wierdak, Directorate for Epidemiology

Please note: Douglas Pinheiro, Investigator, Buffalo, NY, was the author of last issue's MECAP Commendation profile of Dr. James J. Woytash.



CPSC Recalls

The following product recalls were conducted by firms in cooperation with CPSC. For more information about recalls, visit the CPSC website at www.cpsc.gov.

Notebook Computer AC Adapter

Product: About 594,000 AC adapters and power cords by Compaq Computer Corp. This recall involves AC adapters and power cords used with certain Compaq notebook computers in the U.S. This is a part of a worldwide recall of more than 1.4 million AC adapters. This recall involves AC adapters with the model series number “PPP003SD,” “PPP003” and “PP2012” which is located directly under “Compaq Computer Corporation” on the AC adapter label. The AC adapters were sold individually and with the following notebook computers: Armada M300, Armada M700, Armada E500, Armada V300, Armada 100s, Notebook 100, Armada 3500, Armada E500s, Prosignia 170, Prosignia 190, Armada 110. Compaq distributors sold computers with these AC adapters and the individual AC adapters from September 1998 through July 2001. The computers with these adapters sold for between \$999 and \$4399 and the individual adapters sold for between \$65 and \$98.

Problem: These AC adapters can overheat, posing a fire hazard. Compaq has received five reports of fire that were contained to the cases of the AC adapters. No injuries were reported.

What to do: Stop using the recalled AC adapter immediately and power cord and contact Compaq to order a free replacement AC adapter. For more information, call Compaq (888) 302-7689 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or go to the firm’s website at www.compaq.com.

Gas Ranges

Product: About 50,000 Amana Big Oven gas ranges by Maytag Corp. Maytag acquired Amana Appliances on July 31, 2001. The 30” self-clean gas ranges have the following model and serial numbers: Model # ACF3315A (T)(K) and Serial Nos. 0005 thru 0103 (first 4 digits of the 10 digits); Model # ACF3335A (W)(C)(B)(S) and Serial Nos. 0005 thru 0107 (first 4 digits of the 10 digits) and Model # ACF3375A (W)(C)(B)(S) and Serial Nos. 0006 thru 0107 (first 4 digits of the 10 digits). The model and serial numbers can be located by opening the storage drawer and looking at the tag on either the left or the right side. The brand name “Amana” appears on the front of the gas range. Appliance and retail stores nationwide sold these gas ranges from May 2000 through July 2001 for between \$600 and \$850.

Problem: During the broil and self-clean modes, the range can emit high levels of carbon monoxide (CO), presenting the potential for CO poisoning to consumers. Additionally, during the broil and self-clean modes, the temperature of the storage drawer can become extremely high, presenting the risk of burn injuries to consumers. The ranges are safe to use for baking and for cooking on the surface burners. Maytag has received one report of the temperature on the storage drawer becoming extremely high. No injuries have been reported.

What to do: Stop using the self-clean or broil functions of the ranges immediately. Consumers should call Amana toll-free at (800)-266-3535 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. CT Monday through Friday for an in-home inspection and free repair. Consumers also can log on the company’s website at www.amana.com.

Glass Cleaner and Washer Fluid

Product: About 1.1 million containers of Rain-X® glass cleaner and washer fluid by Blue Coral. The recalled products include three brands: Rain-X® Super Glass Cleaner Concentrate, which was sold in 10-oz. and 16.9-oz. plastic bottles, is a blue concentrated liquid that should be added to water; Rain-X® Plus Washer Fluid Concentrate, which was sold in 10-oz. and 16.9-oz. plastic bottles and single-use 1.2-oz. pouches, is a pink concentrated liquid that also should be added to water; and Rain-X® Washer Fluid Additive, which was sold in single-use 2-oz. pouches. The Glass Cleaner and Washer Fluid bottles have a measuring cup built into the cap. A label on the back of the products reads in part, “Blue Coral

Slick 50 Ltd.” and “Made in USA.” Hardware, automotive and department stores nationwide sold the recalled Rain-X® products from September 1998 through August 2001 for between \$1 and \$5.

Problem: The products, which contain methyl alcohol, are not sealed with child-resistant closures as required by law. Methyl alcohol, also known as methanol, is toxic and can cause blindness or death if ingested. Blue Coral has received three reports of ingestion, including two children whose parents called the Blue Coral help line and were directed to immediate medical treatment.

What to do: Consumers should keep these recalled products out of the reach of young children. Consumers should call Blue Coral toll-free at (800) 416-1600 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday for information on receiving replacement child-resistant caps and a coupon toward a Rain-X® product. Consumers also can visit the company’s websites at www.bluecoral.com or www.rain-x.com.

Drain Cleaners

Product: About 1.1 million bottles of drain cleaners by National Service Industries Inc. (NSI) The bottles of drain cleaners were sold in 64-oz., child-resistant bottles. The following provides information concerning the four types of drain cleaners involved in this recall: Brand Name: Zep Commercial, 10 Minute Hair Clog Remover, UPC Code 21709-52206 and Drain Care Professional Strength Drain Opener Clog Remover, UPC Code 21709-60060; Brand Name: Enforcer: 10 Minute Hair Clog Remover, UPC Code 21709-52206 and Drain Care Professional Strength Drain Opener Clog Remover, UPC Code 21709-52212. Only 64-oz. bottles are affected. The Drain Opener Clog Remover bottles and caps are white and the Hair Clog Remover bottles and caps are red. Each bottle has the brand name – “Zep Commercial” or “Enforcer” on a label that also read in part, “Keep all chemicals out of the reach of children.” Home Depot, Wal-Mart, Kmart and hardware stores nationwide sold these cleaners from January 2001 through August 2001 for between \$3 and \$6.

Problem: The bottles can leak, allowing the contents of the cleaner to come into contact with consumers. These cleaners can cause irritation and burns to the skin and eyes. NSI has received 16 reports of the bottles leaking, including three incidents involving skin irritations to the leg and hand, and 13 incidents involving property damage.

What to do: Stop using the cleaners immediately and contact the appropriate company to receive a free replacement cap. Consumers should not return the recalled cleaner to the store where purchased. Consumers with cleaners under the Zep Commercial brand name should call (888) 805-4357 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday to receive a free replacement cap or visit the firm’s websites at www.zepcommercial.com or zephhelp@zepcommercial.com. Consumers with cleaners under the Enforcer brand name should call (800) 241-5656 Ext. 686 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday to receive a free replacement cap or visit the firm’s websites at www.enforcer.com or plumbing@enforcer.com.

Circular Saws

Product: About 125,000 circular saws by Ryobi Technologies Inc. The 7 1/4-inch circular saws have a blue plastic body and a metal blade guard. The name “Ryobi” appears on the blade guard and the motor housing. The recalled saws have one of the following model numbers – CSB120, CSB130, CSB1308, CSB130K, or CSB130JS – which can be found on a white label on the motor housing. Some of the recalled saws were sold in kits that included a hard plastic, gray storage case (embossed with “Ryobi Circular Saw”) with the saw and blade inside. Home centers (including Home Depot), hardware stores, and catalogs nationwide sold the circular saws from October 1998 through July 2001 for between \$60 and \$140. Any circular saw with a green dot on the warning label (which is affixed to the power cord) or on the product’s packaging, is not included in this recall.

Problem: The lower blade guards on these saws can stick in the open position, posing a risk of serious injury to the operator and bystanders. Ryobi Technologies has not received any reports of incidents. This recall is being conducted to prevent the possibility of injuries.

What to do: Stop using the saws immediately and contact Ryobi’s Consumer Response Team for a free repair kit. Consumers should call Ryobi toll-free at (800) 867-9624 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday

through Friday. Consumers also can write to the company at: Ryobi Technologies Inc., P.O. Box 1207, Anderson, SC 29622, Attention: Consumer Response Team.

Window Latches

Product: About 400,000 **window latches by Andersen Corporation**. This recall involves only the tilt latches on the lower sash of the Andersen 200 Series Tilt-Wash Double Hung Window. This window has the Andersen "A/W" logo etched into the lower right corner of the glass, has a latch on both sides of the top of the lower sash, and has a product label on the inside of the upper left corner of the window frame. The majority of windows were installed by homebuilders in the construction of new homes. Independent dealers and home centers nationwide also sold these windows to contractors between May 2000 through August 2001.

Problem: The latches on the lower sash of the window can unexpectedly open, posing a potential injury hazard to consumers who can be struck by the window or by shattered glass. Andersen has received 11 reports of the latches unexpectedly opening. There have been no reports of injuries.

What to do: Consumers should immediately ensure that the latches are in the closed position. Consumers should call the Andersen Window Care® Solution Center toll-free at (888) 888-7020 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. CT Monday to Friday or 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. CT on Saturday, to schedule a free in-home repair with an Andersen service technician. Consumers can log-on to the Andersen website at www.andersenwindows.com. Parents should ensure that children do not operate the window until the latches have been replaced. This recall does not apply to Andersen® Builder's Select™ or any other Andersen® products.

Butterfly Baby Toys

Product: About 21, 000 **butterfly baby toys by Kids II**. The recall involves Carter's Activity Butterflies with 3-inch long bendable antennae. The body of the stuffed butterfly toy is green and purple and the wings are multi-colored. The toy makes various "fun sounds" when squeezed. The stuffed stars on the ends of the antennae contain a squeaker and a rattle. The lower wings make a crinkle sound and one of the upper wings contains a mirror. The toy has model number 50052 written on a small tag behind one of its wings. A date code on the opposite side of this tag ends with "00433," "00856," "01003," or "01148." Mass merchandise and juvenile specialty stores nationwide sold these butterfly toys from February 2001 through August 2001 for between \$15 and \$20. Butterfly toys with short antennae, about 1 3/4-inches long, do not contain wire, and are not part of the recall.

Problem: The antennae on these butterfly toys contain wire that can pass through the fabric, causing cuts and scratches to babies. Kids II has received 27 reports of wires passing through the fabric on the antennae of these toys, resulting in four babies getting cuts to the hand or face, and five babies receiving scratches.

What to do: Consumers should take these toys away from babies immediately, and return the toy to the store where purchased or contact Kids II for a free replacement butterfly toy. For more information, consumers should call Kids II toll-free at (877) 325-7056 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's website at www.kidsii.com.

Ozark Trail and Wenzel Propane Camping Lanterns

Product: About 290,000 **propane-fueled camping lanterns by Wenzel Co.** The recalled lanterns are green and silver with brass fittings, have a glass globe, and stand about 9 inches high (without the propane cylinder attached). The lanterns, when attached to the propane cylinder, sit on a green plastic base on which the model names "Ozark Trail" or "Wenzel" appear. The Ozark Trail model has a double cloth mantle for lighting and the Wenzel model has either a double or single cloth mantle. The models involved are Ozark Trail 824927 and 824928, and Wenzel 824208, 824226, 824227 and 824401, which appear on the box in which the lantern came. Wal-Mart sold the lanterns nationwide under the "Ozark Trail" label from March 1999 through August 2001 for about \$18. Sporting goods, camping equipment, and other retail stores nationwide sold these lanterns under the "Wenzel" brand from January 1999 through August 2001 for between \$18 and \$28. The propane cylinder, which is not affected by the recall and

is not distributed by Wenzel, is sold separately from the lantern.

Problem: An insufficient connection between the lantern and the propane cylinder can allow gas to escape and ignite unexpectedly, posing a potential fire and injury hazard to consumers. This hazard can occur during the lighting or normal use of the lantern. Wenzel has received 12 reports of propane gas escaping from these lanterns and igniting unexpectedly. Two consumers sustained burns to the arm and hand. One of the consumers also suffered burns to the eye.

What to do: Consumers with Ozark Trail or Wenzel lanterns should stop using them immediately and detach the lantern from the propane cylinder. Consumers should return only the lanterns to the store where purchased for a refund. Consumers also can call Wenzel toll-free at (800) 325-8368 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. CDT Monday through Friday; or visit the company's website at www.wenzelco.com.

Children's Toys

Product: About 110,000 **children's toys by STK International**. The following information will help consumers identify the recalled children's toys: "2PC Tambourine Set": Two tambourines consisting of a colorful plastic ring with three balls attached. Inside of the balls are beads that create a rattle sound when shaken. On each side of the tambourine is a sticker with a female cartoon character and the number 985. "Bathtime Water Wheel": A multi-colored plastic toy with a suction cup base and six small cups attached to water wheel. "Made in China NO:368" is printed on the back of the water wheel. "Funny Loco Wind-Up": A multi-colored train with a pig character on a sticker placed on both sides of the toy. "Made in China NO:883" is printed on the back of the train. "Pull Back Duck in Boat": A plastic blue and white boat with colored stickers on the side, a transparent red windshield, and white duck mounted on top of the boat. The toy also comes with a miniature fishing pole and a plastic lobster. A yellow sticker on boat reads, "My Baby Products" and "PULLBACK DUCKS IN BOAT, MADE IN CHINA." Dollar stores nationwide sold these toys from September 1999 through May 2001 for about \$1.

Problem: The toys can break causing small balls to be released, posing a choking hazard to young children. STK International and CPSC have not received any reports of incidents. This recall is being conducted to prevent the possibility of injuries. CPSC discovered the violations during an inspection of the company's warehouse.

What to do: Consumers should take the toys away from children immediately and return them to STK International for a full refund. Consumers should call STK International toll-free at (800) 536-7855 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday for information about where to send the toys.

Strollers

Product: About 115,000 **strollers by Kolcraft Enterprises, Inc.** The recall includes only the Kolcraft LiteSport strollers, model number 36122. A label with the word "LiteSport" can be found on the front of the footrest. The model number can be found on a label on the back leg frame of the stroller. These strollers were manufactured from December 1997 through December 1999. The manufacture date is below the model number on the back leg frame label. "Kolcraft" is written on the front of the stroller. Department and juvenile products stores nationwide sold these strollers from December 1997 through December 2000 for about \$30.

Problem: Lock mechanisms, found on both sides of the stroller, can break and cause the stroller to suddenly collapse. When the strollers collapse, babies can fall and suffer injuries. Kolcraft has received 124 reports of the lock mechanisms breaking including 31 reports of the stroller collapsing. There were 22 reports of injuries, including abrasions, cuts and bruises to children's faces, arms, hands and legs.

What to do: Stop using the strollers immediately and call Kolcraft to receive a free repair kit. For more information, call Kolcraft toll-free at (800) 922-2130 anytime.

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