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Babies on Adult Beds

A recent review of U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) data revealed that 122 children under age 2 died in incidents associated with features of adult beds over a three-year period (1999-2001).

Most of these deaths were suffocations and involved an entrapment, a fall (e.g., onto soft bedding or plastic), or a situation in which pillows or the position of the child was related to the death. Most deaths (97%) involved children 1 year old or younger. Children who were 3 months old or younger accounted for almost one-half of the deaths (46%).

The majority of the 122 fatalities can be categorized into several basic scenarios (*Figure 1*). These include the following descriptions.

Entrapments

Forty-three children died after they were entrapped or were likely entrapped in a situation involving an adult bed.

Between the bed and wall

Twenty-one children died when they became entrapped or wedged between the bed and a wall. Most of the children (20) were 1 year old or younger. The ages of the victims ranged from 1 to 22 months old.

In addition, there were 5 fatalities associated with a child found between the bed and wall without entrapment reported. Based upon limited information, it

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	Total Months	Age of Child				
		1 Month or under	2-3 Months	4-6 Months	7-12 Months	13-23 Months
TOTAL	122	29	27	42	20	4
Entrapment Between the Bed and Wall	21	1	3	9	7	1
Entrapment Involving Headboards, Footboards or Bedframes	15	0	0	8	5	2
Prone/Face Down on the Bed	15	4	6	3	2	0
Possible Bedding-Related Incidents	13	4	3	6	0	0
Falls From Beds	12	1	0	6	5	0
Between the Bed and Wall with No Entrapment Reported	5	1	0	4	0	0
Entrapment Between the Bed and Another Object	2	0	0	1	1	0
Unknown	39	18	15	5	0	1

Source: CPSC

Figure 1

appears likely that these also were entrapments. All these children died as a result of asphyxia. The ages of the victims ranged from 1 to 6 months old.

Involving headboards, footboards, or bedframes

There were 15 reports of deaths due to entrapments involving either the headboard, footboard, or bedframe of a bed. Two reports involved an entrapment in a bedframe. Over half (8) of the fatalities were to children 4 to 6 months old, with no deaths of children 3 months or under. The ages of the victims ranged from 4 to 20 months.

Between the bed and another object

There were 2 deaths identified in which a child was placed to sleep in a bed and was found entrapped between it and another object. One victim was a 5-month-old female who was found with her head lodged between the bed and the crib next to it. The other death occurred when a 9-month-old male was caught between a dresser and the bed's mattress.

Prone/face down on the bed

Fifteen children died due to asphyxia from being face down or prone on the bed. The details in these cases are minimal. A majority of the fatalities (13) were children 6 months old or younger. The ages of the victims ranged from 1 to 8 months.

Possible bedding-related incidents

Thirteen children died in incidents possibly related to bedding. In 9 of the 13 incidents, the documents reviewed mentioned multiple factors that could have contributed to the deaths, in addition to the bedding present. In the remaining 4 cases, two involved pillows (one child was found face down in a pillow, and one child was found face up with a pillow covering the face); one child was found smothered between the headboard and a pillow; and one child strangled in a ripped loop of a blanket. The 13 children were 6 months and younger.

Falls from beds

There were 12 fatalities related to falls from beds where a wall was not mentioned and the child ended up in a hazardous situation. These included 9

incidents of asphyxia (for example, where the child rolled off the bed face down into a comforter or pile of clothing, or fell from the bed onto a plastic-covered pillow).

The 3 remaining deaths related to falls from beds included rolling off the bed and drowning from landing in a 5-gallon bucket; hemorrhage from landing on a beverage glass that broke; and "possible head injuries from landing on the floor on a pillow."

Over half of the children who died were 6 months old or younger. The ages of the victims ranged from 1 to 11 months.

Unknown

There were 39 fatalities in this category. All these deaths involved asphyxia on an adult bed, but the death reports lacked sufficient detail to categorize them. Eighty-five percent of these deaths were children 3 months old or younger. The ages of the victims ranged from 5 days to 14 months.

— *Joyce McDonald, Directorate for Epidemiology*

Safe Sleeping Tips

Wherever your baby sleeps should be as safe as possible. Babies placed on adult beds risk suffocation from several hidden hazards such as:

- Entrapment between the bed and wall, or between the bed and another object.
- Entrapment involving the bed frame, headboard, or footboard.
- Falls from adult beds onto piles of clothing, plastic bags, or other soft materials resulting in suffocation.
- Suffocation in soft bedding (such as pillows or thick quilts and comforters).

In addition:

- Always place babies to sleep on their back, not on their stomach.
- When using a crib, make sure it meets current safety standards, has a firm, tight-fitting mattress, and a tight-fitting bottom sheet.
- When using a portable crib or playpen, be sure to use only the mattress or pad provided by the manufacturer.

NEISS Data Highlights — 2001

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 2001 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).

Product Groupings	Estimated Number of Injuries*	CV*	Number of Injuries*	Estimated Number of Injuries and <i>Estimated Rate of Product-Related Injuries per 100,000 Population in the United States and Territories (listed in italic)</i> that were treated in Hospital Emergency Departments*									
				Age						Sex		Disposition	
				All Ages	0-4	5-14	15-24	25-64	65+	Male	Female	Treated & Rel.	Hosp. & DOA
Child Nursery Equipment													
All Nursery Equipment	86,451	.07	3,016	86,451	69,396	4,389	3,526	7,934	1,206	44,163	42,271	84,250	2,022
				<i>30.7</i>	<i>361.9</i>	<i>10.7</i>	<i>9.0</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>32.0</i>	<i>29.5</i>	<i>29.9</i>	<i>0.7</i>
Toys													
All Toys	247,815	.06	7,722	247,815	76,937	121,790	15,447	29,608	4,034	149,091	98,724	242,476	5,284
				<i>88.1</i>	<i>401.2</i>	<i>296.5</i>	<i>39.4</i>	<i>20.1</i>	<i>11.5</i>	<i>108.0</i>	<i>68.9</i>	<i>86.2</i>	<i>1.9</i>
Sports & Recreational Equipment													
ATV's, Mopeds, Minibikes, etc.	207,856	.08	4,576	207,856	4,182	55,139	74,662	71,165	2,631	169,834	38,022	186,366	21,239
				<i>73.9</i>	<i>21.8</i>	<i>134.2</i>	<i>190.5</i>	<i>48.4</i>	<i>7.5</i>	<i>123.0</i>	<i>26.5</i>	<i>66.2</i>	<i>7.5</i>
Amusement Attractions (incl. Rides)	21,171	.10	586	21,171	2,068	7,915	4,641	6,438	110	9,653	11,518	20,668	415
				<i>7.5</i>	<i>10.8</i>	<i>19.3</i>	<i>11.8</i>	<i>4.4</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>7.0</i>	<i>8.0</i>	<i>7.3</i>	<i>0.1</i>
Barbecue Grills, Stoves, Equipment	17,683	.06	468	17,683	3,801	2,390	2,637	7,674	1,181	11,300	6,384	16,816	867
				<i>6.3</i>	<i>19.8</i>	<i>5.8</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>5.2</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>8.2</i>	<i>4.5</i>	<i>6.0</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Baseball, Softball	300,972	.06	7,586	300,972	6,459	110,099	81,610	100,942	1,663	210,808	90,059	296,676	3,905
				<i>106.9</i>	<i>33.7</i>	<i>268.0</i>	<i>208.3</i>	<i>68.7</i>	<i>4.8</i>	<i>152.7</i>	<i>62.8</i>	<i>105.4</i>	<i>1.4</i>
Basketball	653,661	.04	17,883	653,661	2,142	205,377	306,854	138,160	1,072	526,652	126,771	647,453	5,672
				<i>232.3</i>	<i>11.2</i>	<i>500.0</i>	<i>783.1</i>	<i>94.0</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>381.5</i>	<i>88.4</i>	<i>230.1</i>	<i>2.0</i>
Beach, Picnic, Camping Equipment	20,236	.10	490	20,236	2,693	3,840	2,575	9,013	2,116	10,097	10,139	19,962	274
				<i>7.2</i>	<i>14.0</i>	<i>9.3</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>6.1</i>	<i>6.0</i>	<i>7.3</i>	<i>7.1</i>	<i>7.1</i>	<i>0.1</i>
Bicycles & Accessories	565,742	.06	15,891	565,742	35,780	278,725	92,448	146,897	11,654	414,008	151,660	539,992	24,750
				<i>201.0</i>	<i>186.6</i>	<i>678.5</i>	<i>235.9</i>	<i>99.9</i>	<i>33.3</i>	<i>299.9</i>	<i>105.8</i>	<i>191.9</i>	<i>8.8</i>
Boxing	11,506	.13	313	11,506	172	1,734	5,584	4,016	0	10,334	1,172	11,416	90
				<i>4.1</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>4.2</i>	<i>14.3</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>7.5</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>0.0</i>
Exercise, Exercise Equipment	275,103	.09	7,317	275,103	9,110	41,077	72,266	135,096	17,553	159,315	115,721	265,819	9,113
				<i>97.8</i>	<i>47.5</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>184.4</i>	<i>91.9</i>	<i>50.2</i>	<i>115.4</i>	<i>80.7</i>	<i>94.5</i>	<i>3.2</i>
Football	414,607	.05	11,803	414,607	1,244	194,025	177,324	41,672	336	386,788	27,570	407,793	6,613
				<i>147.3</i>	<i>6.5</i>	<i>472.3</i>	<i>452.5</i>	<i>28.3</i>	<i>1.0</i>	<i>280.2</i>	<i>19.2</i>	<i>144.9</i>	<i>2.3</i>
Hockey	64,440	.16	1,519	64,440	657	21,574	27,153	14,901	88	52,931	11,509	63,847	439
				<i>22.9</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>52.5</i>	<i>69.3</i>	<i>10.1</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>38.3</i>	<i>8.0</i>	<i>22.7</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Horseback Riding	79,745	.12	1,700	79,745	1,322	14,195	13,463	48,317	2,371	29,461	50,285	69,972	9,773
				<i>28.3</i>	<i>6.9</i>	<i>34.6</i>	<i>34.4</i>	<i>32.9</i>	<i>6.8</i>	<i>21.3</i>	<i>35.1</i>	<i>24.9</i>	<i>3.5</i>
In-line Skating	69,714	.09	1,946	69,714	360	42,795	12,428	13,978	153	37,051	32,662	67,736	1,963
				<i>24.8</i>	<i>1.9</i>	<i>104.2</i>	<i>31.7</i>	<i>9.5</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>26.8</i>	<i>22.8</i>	<i>24.1</i>	<i>0.7</i>

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				Age						Sex		Disposition	
				All Ages	0-4	5-14	15-24	25-64	65+	Male	Female	Treated & Rel.	Hosp. & DOA
Lacrosse, Rugby, Misc. Ball Games	93,353	.08	2,472	93,353	4,047	45,780	27,025	15,960	541	62,516	30,837	92,198	1,054
				<i>33.2</i>	<i>21.1</i>	<i>111.4</i>	<i>69.0</i>	<i>10.9</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>45.3</i>	<i>21.5</i>	<i>32.8</i>	<i>0.4</i>
Nonpowder Guns, BB'S, Pellets	22,243	.08	646	22,243	524	9,276	7,591	4,520	314	19,401	2,842	20,843	1,393
				<i>7.9</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>22.6</i>	<i>19.4</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>14.1</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>7.4</i>	<i>0.5</i>
Playground Equipment	252,598	.05	8,266	252,598	59,365	177,440	5,769	8,956	1,050	137,499	115,098	243,420	8,856
				<i>89.8</i>	<i>309.6</i>	<i>432.0</i>	<i>14.7</i>	<i>6.1</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>99.6</i>	<i>80.3</i>	<i>86.5</i>	<i>3.1</i>
Racquet Sports	35,117	.11	860	35,117	549	4,818	8,933	16,556	4,261	21,194	13,906	34,379	738
				<i>12.5</i>	<i>2.9</i>	<i>11.7</i>	<i>22.8</i>	<i>11.3</i>	<i>12.2</i>	<i>15.4</i>	<i>9.7</i>	<i>12.2</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Skateboards	104,449	.11	2,712	104,449	1,081	56,337	38,549	8,393	90	94,822	9,550	101,528	2,691
				<i>37.1</i>	<i>5.6</i>	<i>137.1</i>	<i>98.4</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>68.7</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>36.1</i>	<i>1.0</i>
Skating (excl. In-line)	92,363	.07	2,510	92,363	1,673	53,221	14,208	22,765	497	38,028	54,335	90,320	1,891
				<i>32.8</i>	<i>8.7</i>	<i>129.6</i>	<i>36.3</i>	<i>15.5</i>	<i>1.4</i>	<i>27.5</i>	<i>37.9</i>	<i>32.1</i>	<i>0.7</i>
Snowmobiles	15,333	.27	270	15,333	172	1,228	3,971	9,788	173	11,545	3,788	13,424	1,909
				<i>5.4</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>10.1</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>8.4</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>4.8</i>	<i>0.7</i>
Soccer	175,470	.09	4,843	175,470	720	79,272	64,849	30,364	264	109,212	66,252	173,009	2,443
				<i>62.4</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>193.0</i>	<i>165.5</i>	<i>20.7</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>79.1</i>	<i>46.2</i>	<i>61.5</i>	<i>0.9</i>
Swimming, Pools, Equipment	161,835	.18	4,222	161,835	14,919	70,041	30,457	42,448	3,970	88,864	72,894	156,412	5,322
				<i>57.5</i>	<i>77.8</i>	<i>170.5</i>	<i>77.7</i>	<i>28.9</i>	<i>11.3</i>	<i>64.4</i>	<i>50.8</i>	<i>55.6</i>	<i>1.9</i>
Toboggans, Sleds, Snow Discs, etc.	29,141	.19	619	29,141	1,076	14,890	5,164	7,955	55	15,944	13,197	27,808	1,332
				<i>10.4</i>	<i>5.6</i>	<i>36.2</i>	<i>13.2</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>11.5</i>	<i>9.2</i>	<i>9.9</i>	<i>0.5</i>
Track & Field Activities, Equipment	17,103	.11	483	17,103	0	8,459	7,860	784	0	9,436	7,667	16,610	486
				<i>6.1</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>20.6</i>	<i>20.1</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>6.8</i>	<i>5.3</i>	<i>5.9</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Trampolines	91,870	.09	2,580	91,870	10,072	64,433	10,962	6,385	17	49,633	42,160	88,789	3,036
				<i>32.6</i>	<i>52.5</i>	<i>156.9</i>	<i>28.0</i>	<i>4.3</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>36.0</i>	<i>29.4</i>	<i>31.6</i>	<i>1.1</i>
Volleyball	57,929	.08	1,433	57,929	17	16,062	22,175	19,266	408	23,328	34,601	57,553	375
				<i>20.6</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>39.1</i>	<i>56.6</i>	<i>13.1</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>16.9</i>	<i>24.1</i>	<i>20.5</i>	<i>0.1</i>
Water Skiing, Tubing, Surfing	26,575	.25	518	26,575	84	4,439	8,682	13,236	134	19,529	7,045	25,822	753
				<i>9.4</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>10.8</i>	<i>22.2</i>	<i>9.0</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>14.1</i>	<i>4.9</i>	<i>9.2</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Home Comm'n & Entertainment													
Sound Recording Equipment	42,334	.06	1,113	42,334	5,873	5,892	6,916	17,473	6,180	19,635	22,699	40,559	1,768
				<i>15.0</i>	<i>30.6</i>	<i>14.3</i>	<i>17.6</i>	<i>11.9</i>	<i>17.7</i>	<i>14.2</i>	<i>15.8</i>	<i>14.4</i>	<i>0.6</i>
Television Sets & Stands	53,675	.06	1,532	53,675	13,956	8,772	5,982	19,103	5,862	30,556	23,113	51,592	1,989
				<i>19.1</i>	<i>72.8</i>	<i>21.4</i>	<i>15.3</i>	<i>13.0</i>	<i>16.8</i>	<i>22.1</i>	<i>16.1</i>	<i>18.3</i>	<i>0.7</i>
Personal Use Items													
Cigarettes, Lighters, Fuel	18,823	.07	514	18,823	3,704	2,464	4,362	7,332	962	11,758	7,065	16,762	2,028
				<i>6.7</i>	<i>19.3</i>	<i>6.0</i>	<i>11.1</i>	<i>5.0</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>8.5</i>	<i>4.9</i>	<i>6.0</i>	<i>0.7</i>
Clothing	196,223	.08	5,037	196,223	13,063	35,478	32,674	83,055	31,847	86,716	109,507	185,006	11,115
				<i>69.7</i>	<i>68.1</i>	<i>86.4</i>	<i>83.4</i>	<i>56.5</i>	<i>91.0</i>	<i>62.8</i>	<i>76.4</i>	<i>65.7</i>	<i>3.9</i>
Drug Poisonings to Children under 5	51,275	.09	1,927	51,275	51,087	0	0	0	0	28,113	23,162	43,349	7,896
				<i>18.2</i>	<i>266.4</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>20.4</i>	<i>16.2</i>	<i>15.4</i>	<i>2.8</i>

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Grooming Devices	32,638	.09	984	32,638	11,353	4,779	3,549	10,454	2,503	11,382	21,256	32,146	493
				<i>11.6</i>	<i>59.2</i>	<i>11.6</i>	<i>9.1</i>	<i>7.1</i>	<i>7.2</i>	<i>8.2</i>	<i>14.8</i>	<i>11.4</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Protection Devices	11,917	.13	278	11,917	727	1,674	2,823	5,797	821	8,095	3,822	11,910	0
				<i>4.2</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>7.2</i>	<i>3.9</i>	<i>2.3</i>	<i>5.9</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>4.2</i>	<i>0.0</i>
Razors, Shavers, Razor Blades	38,531	.06	924	38,531	1,871	4,635	8,332	20,003	3,690	24,773	13,759	37,933	431
				<i>13.7</i>	<i>9.8</i>	<i>11.3</i>	<i>21.3</i>	<i>13.6</i>	<i>10.5</i>	<i>17.9</i>	<i>9.6</i>	<i>13.5</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Household Containers													
Cans, Other Containers	272,464	.04	7,002	272,464	29,687	32,550	45,702	145,016	19,475	129,922	142,448	265,477	6,702
				<i>96.8</i>	<i>154.8</i>	<i>79.2</i>	<i>116.6</i>	<i>98.7</i>	<i>55.7</i>	<i>94.1</i>	<i>99.4</i>	<i>94.3</i>	<i>2.4</i>
Glass Bottles, Jars	42,853	.07	1,185	42,853	2,867	7,602	12,300	18,601	1,484	24,923	17,930	41,962	781
				<i>15.2</i>	<i>14.9</i>	<i>18.5</i>	<i>31.4</i>	<i>12.7</i>	<i>4.2</i>	<i>18.1</i>	<i>12.5</i>	<i>14.9</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Yard & Garden Equipment													
Chain Saws	30,150	.09	595	30,150	122	714	4,391	20,915	4,008	28,689	1,461	28,666	1,484
				<i>10.7</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>11.2</i>	<i>14.2</i>	<i>11.5</i>	<i>20.8</i>	<i>1.0</i>	<i>10.2</i>	<i>0.5</i>
Hand Garden Tools	43,828	.10	982	43,828	2,472	6,187	3,734	24,588	6,847	28,233	15,596	42,042	1,786
				<i>15.6</i>	<i>12.9</i>	<i>15.1</i>	<i>9.5</i>	<i>16.7</i>	<i>19.6</i>	<i>20.5</i>	<i>10.9</i>	<i>14.9</i>	<i>0.6</i>
Lawn & Garden Equipment	76,057	.06	1,752	76,057	4,186	9,253	6,918	40,304	15,397	45,357	30,700	72,596	3,462
				<i>27.0</i>	<i>21.8</i>	<i>22.5</i>	<i>17.7</i>	<i>27.4</i>	<i>44.0</i>	<i>32.9</i>	<i>21.4</i>	<i>25.8</i>	<i>1.2</i>
Lawn Mowers	87,599	.12	1,980	87,599	2,012	6,270	9,015	54,853	15,448	66,633	20,966	82,279	5,320
				<i>31.1</i>	<i>10.5</i>	<i>15.3</i>	<i>23.0</i>	<i>37.3</i>	<i>44.1</i>	<i>48.3</i>	<i>14.6</i>	<i>29.2</i>	<i>1.9</i>
Other Power Lawn Equipment	18,884	.11	406	18,884	562	1,869	2,151	10,709	3,594	15,977	2,907	17,334	1,406
				<i>6.7</i>	<i>2.9</i>	<i>4.5</i>	<i>5.5</i>	<i>7.3</i>	<i>10.3</i>	<i>11.6</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>6.2</i>	<i>0.5</i>
Trimmers, Small Power Garden Tools	14,814	.12	313	14,814	96	694	1,157	10,785	2,082	9,986	4,828	14,596	217
				<i>5.3</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>7.3</i>	<i>6.0</i>	<i>7.2</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>5.2</i>	<i>0.1</i>
Home Workshop Equipment													
Hoists, Lifts, Jacks, etc.	16,145	.09	372	16,145	353	884	3,433	9,819	1,655	13,656	2,489	14,793	1,352
				<i>5.7</i>	<i>1.8</i>	<i>2.2</i>	<i>8.8</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>9.9</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>5.3</i>	<i>0.5</i>
Power Home Tools (excl. Saws)	33,091	.09	657	33,091	166	921	4,021	24,894	3,089	30,154	2,937	32,330	761
				<i>11.8</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>2.2</i>	<i>10.3</i>	<i>16.9</i>	<i>8.8</i>	<i>21.8</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>11.5</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Power Home Workshop Saws	88,657	.06	1,972	88,657	344	1,919	9,325	61,327	15,742	83,999	4,658	82,864	5,643
				<i>31.5</i>	<i>1.8</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>23.8</i>	<i>41.7</i>	<i>45.0</i>	<i>60.8</i>	<i>3.2</i>	<i>29.4</i>	<i>2.0</i>
Welding, Soldering, Cutting Tools	18,658	.11	394	18,658	85	323	5,081	13,033	136	18,162	496	18,320	321
				<i>6.6</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>13.0</i>	<i>8.9</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>13.2</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>6.5</i>	<i>0.1</i>
Wires, Cords, Not Specified	16,013	.07	359	16,013	626	2,197	2,407	9,233	1,551	11,769	4,244	15,730	283
				<i>5.7</i>	<i>3.3</i>	<i>5.3</i>	<i>6.1</i>	<i>6.3</i>	<i>4.4</i>	<i>8.5</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>5.6</i>	<i>0.1</i>
Workshop Manual Tools	120,181	.06	2,713	120,181	2,298	9,352	19,495	81,254	7,781	101,614	18,567	117,416	2,721
				<i>42.7</i>	<i>12.0</i>	<i>22.8</i>	<i>49.8</i>	<i>55.3</i>	<i>22.2</i>	<i>73.6</i>	<i>13.0</i>	<i>41.7</i>	<i>1.0</i>
Home Maintenance													
Cleaning Agents (excl. Soaps)	40,463	.09	1,087	40,463	12,434	3,387	5,198	17,386	2,058	16,876	23,587	38,910	1,471
				<i>14.4</i>	<i>64.8</i>	<i>8.2</i>	<i>13.3</i>	<i>11.8</i>	<i>5.9</i>	<i>12.2</i>	<i>16.5</i>	<i>13.8</i>	<i>0.5</i>

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				Age						Sex		Disposition	
				All Ages	0-4	5-14	15-24	25-64	65+	Male	Female	Treated & Rel.	Hosp. & DOA
Cleaning Equip., Non-caustic Deterg.	37,308	.07	952	37,308	3,412	4,719	4,440	19,525	5,212	17,876	19,432	35,961	1,246
				<i>13.3</i>	<i>17.8</i>	<i>11.5</i>	<i>11.3</i>	<i>13.3</i>	<i>14.9</i>	<i>12.9</i>	<i>13.6</i>	<i>12.8</i>	<i>0.4</i>
Paints, Solvents, Lubricants	25,003	.11	608	25,003	3,129	1,542	3,358	14,574	2,401	14,685	10,317	23,699	1,296
				<i>8.9</i>	<i>16.3</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>8.6</i>	<i>9.9</i>	<i>6.9</i>	<i>10.6</i>	<i>7.2</i>	<i>8.4</i>	<i>0.5</i>
Soaps, Detergents	23,743	.12	695	23,743	5,197	2,951	4,101	9,484	2,009	10,032	13,710	23,552	191
				<i>8.4</i>	<i>27.1</i>	<i>7.2</i>	<i>10.5</i>	<i>6.5</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>7.3</i>	<i>9.6</i>	<i>8.4</i>	<i>0.1</i>
General Household Appliances													
Cooking Ranges, Ovens, etc.	46,040	.05	1,289	46,040	10,655	4,942	4,715	21,274	4,454	20,171	25,869	44,857	1,183
				<i>16.4</i>	<i>55.6</i>	<i>12.0</i>	<i>12.0</i>	<i>14.5</i>	<i>12.7</i>	<i>14.6</i>	<i>18.0</i>	<i>15.9</i>	<i>0.4</i>
Irons, Clothes Steamers (not Toys)	14,992	.13	651	14,992	9,159	2,099	813	2,146	775	8,295	6,697	14,675	310
				<i>5.3</i>	<i>47.8</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>2.2</i>	<i>6.0</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>5.2</i>	<i>0.1</i>
Refrigerators, Freezers	37,000	.06	905	37,000	2,823	3,520	6,089	20,266	4,302	21,746	15,254	35,828	1,172
				<i>13.1</i>	<i>14.7</i>	<i>8.6</i>	<i>15.5</i>	<i>13.8</i>	<i>12.3</i>	<i>15.8</i>	<i>10.6</i>	<i>12.7</i>	<i>0.4</i>
Small Kitchen Appliances	37,196	.06	902	37,196	3,213	3,262	6,030	21,660	3,031	16,224	20,972	36,433	667
				<i>13.2</i>	<i>16.8</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>15.4</i>	<i>14.7</i>	<i>8.7</i>	<i>11.8</i>	<i>14.6</i>	<i>12.9</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Washers, Dryers	20,173	.08	459	20,173	2,380	1,333	1,853	12,435	2,172	9,892	10,281	19,344	828
				<i>7.2</i>	<i>12.4</i>	<i>3.2</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>8.5</i>	<i>6.2</i>	<i>7.2</i>	<i>7.2</i>	<i>6.9</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Heating, Cooling, Vent. Equip.													
Air Conditioners	16,357	.09	395	16,357	485	1,394	2,989	9,983	1,506	11,879	4,478	15,966	391
				<i>5.8</i>	<i>2.5</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>7.6</i>	<i>6.8</i>	<i>4.3</i>	<i>8.6</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>0.1</i>
Chimneys, Fireplaces	18,588	.11	556	18,588	10,360	1,808	577	3,705	2,138	10,299	8,290	18,029	559
				<i>6.6</i>	<i>54.0</i>	<i>4.4</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>2.5</i>	<i>6.1</i>	<i>7.5</i>	<i>5.8</i>	<i>6.4</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Fans (excl. Stove Exhaust Fans)	17,420	.09	467	17,420	2,019	2,763	2,079	8,439	2,120	9,104	8,315	16,797	622
				<i>6.2</i>	<i>10.5</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>5.3</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>6.1</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>5.8</i>	<i>6.0</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Heating & Plumbing Pipes	42,849	.06	1,157	42,849	4,973	9,748	5,835	18,793	3,500	28,898	13,952	41,684	1,142
				<i>15.2</i>	<i>25.9</i>	<i>23.7</i>	<i>14.9</i>	<i>12.8</i>	<i>10.0</i>	<i>20.9</i>	<i>9.7</i>	<i>14.8</i>	<i>0.4</i>
Heating Stoves, Space Heaters	20,187	.11	512	20,187	6,340	3,163	1,898	6,879	1,890	11,625	8,562	18,753	1,417
				<i>7.2</i>	<i>33.1</i>	<i>7.7</i>	<i>4.8</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>8.4</i>	<i>6.0</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>0.5</i>
Radiators	12,900	.27	387	12,900	4,583	3,187	872	3,354	904	9,029	3,871	12,604	297
				<i>4.6</i>	<i>23.9</i>	<i>7.8</i>	<i>2.2</i>	<i>2.3</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>6.5</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>4.5</i>	<i>0.1</i>
Home Furnishings & Fixtures													
Bathroom Structures & Fixtures	293,631	.06	7,495	293,631	39,317	26,799	27,134	121,265	79,039	125,312	168,236	268,473	25,023
				<i>104.3</i>	<i>205.0</i>	<i>65.2</i>	<i>69.2</i>	<i>82.5</i>	<i>225.9</i>	<i>90.8</i>	<i>117.3</i>	<i>95.4</i>	<i>8.9</i>
Beds, Mattresses, Pillows	540,147	.06	15,423	540,147	154,930	85,472	38,597	119,017	142,080	248,445	291,530	493,474	45,964
				<i>191.9</i>	<i>807.9</i>	<i>208.1</i>	<i>98.5</i>	<i>81.0</i>	<i>406.0</i>	<i>180.0</i>	<i>203.3</i>	<i>175.4</i>	<i>16.3</i>
Carpets, Rugs	112,779	.07	3,119	112,779	18,370	9,013	6,594	35,865	42,931	37,353	75,286	101,208	11,470
				<i>40.1</i>	<i>95.8</i>	<i>21.9</i>	<i>16.8</i>	<i>24.4</i>	<i>122.7</i>	<i>27.1</i>	<i>52.5</i>	<i>36.0</i>	<i>4.1</i>
Chairs, Sofas, Sofa Beds	456,978	.05	12,850	456,978	129,985	59,901	34,310	129,398	103,379	203,930	252,960	426,383	30,271
				<i>162.4</i>	<i>677.9</i>	<i>145.8</i>	<i>87.6</i>	<i>88.0</i>	<i>295.4</i>	<i>147.7</i>	<i>176.4</i>	<i>151.5</i>	<i>10.8</i>
Desks, Cabinets, Shelves, Racks	255,441	.05	7,161	255,441	57,347	46,729	26,980	92,453	31,933	126,600	128,829	248,397	6,673
				<i>90.8</i>	<i>299.1</i>	<i>113.8</i>	<i>68.9</i>	<i>62.9</i>	<i>91.3</i>	<i>91.7</i>	<i>89.9</i>	<i>88.3</i>	<i>2.4</i>

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				Age						Sex		Disposition	
				All Ages	0-4	5-14	15-24	25-64	65+	Male	Female	Treated & Rel.	Hosp. & DOA
Electric Fixt., Lamps, Equip.	53,913	.05	1,471	53,913	8,565	8,770	8,673	22,099	5,806	29,808	24,088	52,073	1,796
				<i>19.2</i>	<i>44.7</i>	<i>21.3</i>	<i>22.1</i>	<i>15.0</i>	<i>16.6</i>	<i>21.6</i>	<i>16.8</i>	<i>18.5</i>	<i>0.6</i>
Holiday, Party Supplies	15,854	.07	409	15,854	3,762	1,432	1,523	7,639	1,498	8,108	7,746	15,037	816
				<i>5.6</i>	<i>19.6</i>	<i>3.5</i>	<i>3.9</i>	<i>5.2</i>	<i>4.3</i>	<i>5.9</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>5.3</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Ladders, Stools	223,165	.06	5,562	223,165	12,128	8,240	14,423	145,521	42,853	150,667	72,498	203,984	19,085
				<i>79.3</i>	<i>63.2</i>	<i>20.1</i>	<i>36.8</i>	<i>99.0</i>	<i>122.5</i>	<i>109.1</i>	<i>50.6</i>	<i>72.5</i>	<i>6.8</i>
Mirrors, Mirror Glass	23,655	.09	669	23,655	3,128	4,520	6,004	9,496	506	12,263	11,392	23,072	583
				<i>8.4</i>	<i>16.3</i>	<i>11.0</i>	<i>15.3</i>	<i>6.5</i>	<i>1.4</i>	<i>8.9</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>8.2</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Misc. Household Covers, Fabrics	24,478	.08	587	24,478	2,103	2,232	1,806	12,147	6,174	8,171	16,306	22,510	1,968
				<i>8.7</i>	<i>11.0</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>4.6</i>	<i>8.3</i>	<i>17.6</i>	<i>5.9</i>	<i>11.4</i>	<i>8.0</i>	<i>0.7</i>
Other Misc. Furniture & Accessories	110,795	.08	2,698	110,795	8,110	5,756	16,695	72,236	7,998	56,496	54,292	109,318	1,377
				<i>39.4</i>	<i>42.3</i>	<i>14.0</i>	<i>42.6</i>	<i>49.1</i>	<i>22.9</i>	<i>40.9</i>	<i>37.9</i>	<i>38.8</i>	<i>0.5</i>
Tables, not elsewhere classified	310,121	.05	9,211	310,121	127,521	46,342	25,060	68,467	42,576	166,271	143,747	299,874	10,013
				<i>110.2</i>	<i>665.0</i>	<i>112.8</i>	<i>64.0</i>	<i>46.6</i>	<i>121.7</i>	<i>120.4</i>	<i>100.3</i>	<i>106.6</i>	<i>3.6</i>
Home Structures & Const. Mat.													
Cabinet/Door Hardware	20,220	.06	543	20,220	3,644	4,126	2,307	6,587	3,556	10,850	9,370	19,157	969
				<i>7.2</i>	<i>19.0</i>	<i>10.0</i>	<i>5.9</i>	<i>4.5</i>	<i>10.2</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>6.5</i>	<i>6.8</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Fences	117,826	.07	3,332	117,826	5,988	39,482	24,275	41,603	6,477	83,438	34,382	113,352	4,386
				<i>41.9</i>	<i>31.2</i>	<i>96.1</i>	<i>62.0</i>	<i>28.3</i>	<i>18.5</i>	<i>60.4</i>	<i>24.0</i>	<i>40.3</i>	<i>1.6</i>
Glass Doors, Windows, Panels	176,692	.07	4,752	176,692	14,552	33,811	51,658	68,644	8,028	106,118	70,507	169,632	6,815
				<i>62.8</i>	<i>75.9</i>	<i>82.3</i>	<i>131.8</i>	<i>46.7</i>	<i>22.9</i>	<i>76.9</i>	<i>49.2</i>	<i>60.3</i>	<i>2.4</i>
Handrails, Railings, Banisters	43,194	.07	1,284	43,194	4,897	11,041	6,139	15,579	5,538	22,377	20,714	41,941	1,253
				<i>15.3</i>	<i>25.5</i>	<i>26.9</i>	<i>15.7</i>	<i>10.6</i>	<i>15.8</i>	<i>16.2</i>	<i>14.4</i>	<i>14.9</i>	<i>0.4</i>
Non-glass Doors, Panels	367,370	.08	10,438	367,370	75,552	84,437	50,498	122,838	33,977	179,047	188,190	360,188	6,986
				<i>130.5</i>	<i>394.0</i>	<i>205.6</i>	<i>128.9</i>	<i>83.6</i>	<i>97.1</i>	<i>129.7</i>	<i>131.3</i>	<i>128.0</i>	<i>2.5</i>
Outside Attached Struct. & Mat.	24,492	.09	615	24,492	1,102	1,956	3,010	16,607	1,818	20,733	3,760	21,238	3,255
				<i>8.7</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>4.8</i>	<i>7.7</i>	<i>11.3</i>	<i>5.2</i>	<i>15.0</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>7.5</i>	<i>1.2</i>
Stairs, Ramps, Landings, Floors	2,041,656	.05	55,049	2,041,656	247,961	207,635	230,487	825,432	529,938	767,142	1,274,004	1,837,655	202,104
				<i>725.5</i>	<i>1293.1</i>	<i>505.5</i>	<i>588.2</i>	<i>561.5</i>	<i>1514.5</i>	<i>555.7</i>	<i>888.6</i>	<i>653.0</i>	<i>71.8</i>
Window, Door Sills, Frames	57,741	.08	1,569	57,741	13,124	8,534	7,018	17,887	11,180	30,151	27,584	56,024	1,672
				<i>20.5</i>	<i>68.4</i>	<i>20.8</i>	<i>17.9</i>	<i>12.2</i>	<i>31.9</i>	<i>21.8</i>	<i>19.2</i>	<i>19.9</i>	<i>0.6</i>
Miscellaneous Products													
Dollies, Carts	48,000	.06	1,406	48,000	21,557	5,896	3,420	12,938	4,188	23,194	24,805	46,529	1,440
				<i>17.1</i>	<i>112.4</i>	<i>14.4</i>	<i>8.7</i>	<i>8.8</i>	<i>12.0</i>	<i>16.8</i>	<i>17.3</i>	<i>16.5</i>	<i>0.5</i>
Elevators, Other Lifts	20,208	.20	677	20,208	1,461	1,992	1,226	9,145	6,385	7,392	12,815	19,038	1,169
				<i>7.2</i>	<i>7.6</i>	<i>4.8</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>6.2</i>	<i>18.2</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>8.9</i>	<i>6.8</i>	<i>0.4</i>
Gasoline, Diesel Fuels	14,099	.10	357	14,099	1,890	2,396	2,906	6,330	577	11,504	2,595	11,922	2,177
				<i>5.0</i>	<i>9.9</i>	<i>5.8</i>	<i>7.4</i>	<i>4.3</i>	<i>1.6</i>	<i>8.3</i>	<i>1.8</i>	<i>4.2</i>	<i>0.8</i>

***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 hospital 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 April 1, 2001 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.

MECAP NEWS

During the months of May and June of 2002, 648 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, 2 months, was put to bed in a playpen. He was placed on two adult-sized pillows that were in turn on top of a blanket, a sheet, and a 4-inch mattress. His mother later found him unresponsive, with his face down in the mattress with the pillows slightly apart. The cause of death was asphyxia.

(William W. Goodhue, Jr., M.D.,
First Deputy Medical Examiner, City
and County of Honolulu, HI)

A female, 3, and her brother, 4, were found unconscious inside a wooden nightstand that was lying face up on its back with the door closed. The children were rushed to the hospital where they were pronounced dead. The nightstand resembled an old icebox, with a metal locking handle that prevented the door from being opened from the inside. The cause of death was asphyxia for both victims.

(Gregory A. Schmunk, M.D.,
Medical Examiner-County Coroner,
Santa Clara County, San Jose, CA)

A female, 3, was found unresponsive by her father with a bubble-wrap bag over her head. The cause of death was asphyxia.

(Carol Koop for Susan Roe, M.D.,
Assistant Medical Examiner, Ramsey
County, St. Paul, MN)

*A female, 3 months, was placed in a portable combination playpen/bassinet to take a nap at a licensed day care provider's home. The child was later found unresponsive, with her face wedged into a 3-inch gap between the mattress and the mesh siding of the product. The cause of death was smothering.

(E. L. Kinnison, M.D., Assistant
Chief Medical Examiner, Tidewater
District, Norfolk, VA)

A male, 6 months, was put to bed at his grandmother's house on a twin adult bed covered by heavy bedding and a thick quilt. The child was later found unresponsive, wedged between the bed's mattress and a wall. The cause of death was positional asphyxia.

(Boguslaw Pietak, M.D., Assistant
Medical Examiner, Wayne County,
Detroit, MI)

CARBON MONOXIDE POISONINGS

*A male, 46, was found unresponsive in his garage. A sunflower-type propane heater attached to an empty propane tank was found with its valve open. The cause of death was carbon monoxide poisoning.

(Carol Koop for Susan Roe, M.D.,
Assistant Medical Examiner, Ramsey
County, St. Paul, MN)

DROWNINGS

A male, 15 months, was found floating face down in his family's swimming pool. He was playing in the backyard and had not been seen for 5 or 10 minutes. The pool was screened and had a new fence to completely restrict access from the home. A screen door that allowed access from the backyard, however, was found slightly open. The cause of death was drowning.

(Joshua A. Perper, M.D., LL.B., M. Sc., Chief Medical Examiner, District 17, Broward County, Fort Lauderdale, FL)

A female, 2, was found at the bottom of a swimming pool at her home. Two adult family members were working around the yard when they realized they could not see the child who had been playing near the pool. The child was taken to the hospital but was pronounced dead two hours later. The cause of death was drowning.

(Sara H. Irrgang, M.D., Associate Medical Examiner, District Nine, Osceola and Orange Counties, Orlando, FL)

A male, 18 months, was found floating face down in his family's swimming pool. He had been playing in the living room with his younger sister, and family members in the home had not seen him for about 20 minutes. A sliding glass door allowing access to the pool from the living room was open. The pool had no safety fence or alarm system. The cause of death was drowning.

(Shashi Gore, M.D., M.P.H., Chief Medical Examiner, District Nine, Osceola and Orange Counties, Orlando, FL)

ELECTROCUTIONS

A male, 42, was electrocuted while working behind an unplugged electric clothes dryer. His arm contacted a live wire. The cause of death was electrocution.

(B. W. Springs, M.D., Medical Examiner, Union County, Monroe, NC)

FIRES

*A female, 91, was severely burned in a fire at her home. The fire started when an electric space heater was placed too close to newspapers. She was taken to the hospital where she died a week later. The cause of death was inhalation injuries.

(Edmund R. Donoghue, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, Cook County, Chicago, IL)

A female, 55, and a male, 55, were found dead in their home after a fire. The fire originated in a room where combustibles (paint thinner, paint, etc.) were stored. A security gate on the front door and security bars on the windows prevented the victims from escaping. An attempt by a neighbor to use his truck and a chain to pull off the security gate was thwarted by an explosion inside the house. The cause of death for both victims was smoke and soot inhalation.

(Boguslaw Pietak, M.D., Assistant Medical Examiner, Wayne County, Detroit, MI)

*A male, 69, was severely burned while he cooked his breakfast. His terry cloth robe caught fire as he removed some toast from an electric toaster. The fire quickly spread from one sleeve of the robe across the chest to the other sleeve. The man extinguished the fire but was severely burned in the process. He was taken to a hospital where he died four days later. The cause of death was complications of thermal injuries.

(Gregory A. Schmunk, M.D., Medical Examiner-County Coroner, Santa Clara County, San Jose, CA)

MISCELLANEOUS

A male, 2, was found unresponsive under a five-drawer dresser by his mother after she heard a loud noise in their home. The child had pulled out a drawer and climbed up on the dresser, which had a 25-inch television on top of it. The dresser was not very sturdy and the television made it top-heavy. The cause of death was a crush injury to the head.

(Sara H. Irrgang, M.D., Associate Medical Examiner, District Nine, Osceola and Orange Counties, Orlando, FL)

— *Denny Wierdak, Directorate for Epidemiology*



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.

Instant Hot Water Dispensers

Product: About 252,000 **half-gallon instant hot water dispensers by In-Sink-Erator**. The recalled hot water dispensers are half-gallon capacity models, made in the USA and sold under various brand names, including In-Sink-Erator®, ISE®, Steamin' Hot®, Emerson®, Dayton™, ACE™, Kenmore® and Kohler™. The serial number (S/N) is printed on a specification plate attached to the metal holding tank. This recall involves instant hot water dispensers with serial numbers (some begin with two letters) 999-10 or those that fall between 1000 and 3084000. Plumbers, building contractors, home centers and hardware stores sold these instant hot water dispensers from January 1972 through December 1996 for between \$100 and \$250. One-third gallon capacity instant hot water dispensers manufactured by In-Sink-Erator are not involved in this recall.

Problem: Water can leak from the metal holding tank, wet insulating material and cause electrical arcing and heat build-up. This poses a fire hazard. In-Sink-Erator has received three reports of holes in the electrical insulation or outer cover of the hot water dispenser. One report involved a kitchen fire that caused nearly \$7,000 in property damage. No injuries have been reported.

What to do: Unplug hot water dispensers immediately, check the serial number and contact In-Sink-Erator if its unit is part of the recall. Consumers with affected units will receive a replacement insulation shield. For more information and a complete list of brands, consumers can contact In-Sink-Erator at (800) 295-8727 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit the firm's website at www.insinkerator.com.

Drip Pans

Product: About 294,000 **drip pans by Dollar Tree Stores, Inc.** The recalled drip pans were sold in various sizes, ranging from 6 to 9 inches in diameter. The SKU Number 845289 is either on the pan or on a cardboard insert in the package. All of the drip pans are black. Dollar Tree Stores sold these drip pans nationwide from April 2002 to May 2002 for about \$1.

Problem: These drip pans are used under the burners of kitchen ranges to catch food that drips while cooking. The hot burners can ignite the drip pans and pose a fire hazard. Dollar Tree Stores has received seven reports of the drip pans catching fire. No injuries have been reported.

What to do: Stop using the drip pans immediately and return them to the store where purchased for a refund. For more information, consumers can contact Dollar Tree Stores, Inc., at (800) 876-8077 between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm ET Monday through Friday.

Juice Extractors or Juicers

Product: About 117,000 **juice extractors or juicers by Aroma Housewares Co.** All model ACJ-250 Aroma Juice Extractors are included in the recall. "ACJ-250" and "MADE IN CHINA" are written on the bottom of the juicer on a silver label. The juice extractor is made of white and clear plastic and has a metal filter. "Aroma" is printed on the front of the unit. Discount specialty and department stores sold the recalled juice extractors from March 1996 through July 2002 for about \$25.

Problem: The juicer's filter and lid can break apart and project metal and plastic into the air, causing injuries to consumers. The firm previously recalled 40,000 juicers in June 1999. This recall includes redesigned juicers used as replacements for the original recall. Aroma Housewares has received two additional reports of the redesigned juicer's filter and lid breaking apart, resulting in two consumers suffering minor injuries. There have been 32 reports of the original juicer breaking, and 32 reports of injuries. Seven of these injuries required stitches and one required surgery for lacerated arteries.

What to do: Stop using the recalled juice extractors immediately, and call the company for information on receiving a refund. Even if

consumers previously received a replacement juicer as part of the original recall, they should contact Aroma Housewares for a refund. Consumers should call Aroma Housewares at (800) 276-6286 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday.

Mountain Bicycles

Product: About 132,000 **Next Ultra Shock mountain bicycles with "Ballistic 105" front suspension forks by BY US International Co. Ltd.** Dynacraft Industries Inc. was the sole distributor of these bicycles. BY US International Co. Ltd. manufactured the forks on these bicycles. CPSC previously announced the recall of about 103,000 of these forks sold on bicycles manufactured by Brunswick Corp. The recall includes only Next Ultra Shock bicycles, which are blue, with model numbers 8524-14 and 8526-20. They were manufactured between April 1999 and November 9, 1999. A label affixed to the frame near the crank housing identifies the model and date of manufacture. The name "Ultra Shock" is written on the bicycle down tube in white lettering. Wal-Mart stores nationwide sold these mountain bikes from May 1999 through December 2000 for about \$150. Next Ultra Shock bicycles manufactured after November 9, 1999, did not use BY US International-made Ballistic fork and are not subject to this recall.

Problem: The fork on these bicycles can break apart, causing riders to lose control, fall and suffer serious injury. There have been 20 reports of the suspension forks breaking on the Next Ultra Shock bicycles, resulting in 19 riders suffering injuries that include abrasions, concussions and chipped teeth.

What to do: Stop using these bicycles immediately and call Dynacraft Industries toll free at (800) 288-1560 between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. PT Monday through Friday or visit its website at www.dynacraftbike.com for information on receiving a free replacement fork and free installation.

Gas Grills

Product: About 60,000 **Red Devil gas grills sold at Wal-Mart Stores.** About 155,000 of these grills were manufactured by e4L Inc. and Quantum North America Inc. Because the manufacturer is out of business, CPSC issued a warning about these grills in May 2002. These red metal gas grills have a tripod stand. They have a logo on the label of the lid and grill base showing a devil cooking at a grill with the writing, "Red Devil." The lid also reads "The Portable Outdoor Kitchen." The black plastic base, above the tripod, reads "QUANTUM HOMEWARES." Components sold with the grill include a heat plate, an oversized skillet with handles, a table-safe serving trivet, and carrying totes. They were manufactured in Hong Kong. Quantum and e4L sold these grills directly to consumers through television infomercials from about May 1998 through January 1999 for about \$160. This recall only includes grills sold at Wal-Mart.

Problem: The product's design allows consumers to light the grill at an air intake tube, instead of at the burner. Though the grill appears to function normally, gas inside the air intake tube ignites. The tube can reach temperatures of up to 750 degrees Fahrenheit and present a burn hazard to consumers. In some earlier grills, the heat produced by lighting the grill at the air intake tube damaged the plastic support piece and caused the grill to fall to the ground. When it collapses, flames from the grill can burn nearby consumers and ignite surrounding combustibles. There have been 44 reports of consumers suffering burns to legs, hands and fingers, including reports of some third degree burns, after the grills collapsed during use. More than 1,000 consumers returned their grills to the manufacturer because the grills collapsed. There have been no reports of incidents or injuries involving these grills sold by Wal-Mart. About 19,300 of these grills, sold directly by e4L, were recalled in July 1998 because the burners could disconnect from the burner pan. The firm received 21 reports of the burners on these grills disconnecting and one consumer suffered burns. Even if consumers participated in this previous recall program, they should stop using these grills since this warning addresses a different hazard.

What to do: Stop using these grills immediately. Consumers who purchased Red Devil gas grills from Wal-Mart can return them to the store for a refund. For more information, consumers can call Wal-Mart Customer Service at (800) WALMART anytime, or visit Wal-Mart's website at www.walmart.com. Consumers who purchased their Red Devil Gas Grills from a retailer other than Wal-Mart should contact the retailer. If that retailer does not provide a refund, repair or replacement for the grill, consumers should contact CPSC at (800) 638-2772 anytime. Additionally, consumers who are aware of any incidents with these grills or who want additional information also should contact CPSC.

Mosquito Traps

Product: About 136,000 **Mosquito Deleto™ Traps by Coleman Company Inc.** The recalled Mosquito Deleto™ Traps were sold as a part of the Portable System and the Back Home™ System. The traps are about 24 inches high, have a green or gray base and top, a black center, and attach to either a 1 lb. propane cylinder or a 20 lb. propane cylinder with a hose. The traps have two sets of model numbers: 2950-800 and 2950-801, which can be found on a label on the front of the trap above the words, "WARNING: For outdoor use only". The recalled Back Home™ System traps include a 5-foot rubber hose that connects to 20 lbs. propane cylinders. The Portable System and Back Home System™ mosquito traps were manufactured in the U.S. Home centers, mass merchandisers, and hardware stores sold these products from March 2002 to July 2002 for between \$170 and \$200. The products were sold nationwide, except for California.

Problem: The mosquito trap's propane regulator can leak propane or allow an overflow of propane gas, both of which pose a fire hazard to consumers. In addition, the fuel hose attachment sold with the Back Home™ System can become damaged and leak propane, which poses a fire hazard to consumers. Coleman has received 28 reports of traps melting or catching on fire as a result of propane leaking, and 7 reports of damage to the propane fuel hoses. No injuries have been reported. **What to do:** Stop using the mosquito traps and propane hoses immediately. Consumers should contact Coleman at (800) 257-5299 anytime, so that a representative can help determine whether their trap needs to be replaced, repaired, or can continue to be used. For more information, consumers can log on to the company's website at www.coleman.com.

"Smatter" Spray Foam

Product: Approximately 296,000 cans of aerosol "**Smatter**" spray foam by **Jakks Pacific Inc.** Only early production of spray foam with the date codes "0492PT" to "0952PT" stamped on the bottom of the can are involved in this recall. "Smatter" is an aerosol product that sprays a soft foam material from the can when the nozzle is pushed. The product is generally used at parties, celebrations, or games. The spray foam is sold in three different varieties: "Original Smatter," "Spit Smatter," and "Fatter Smatter." "SMATTER" appears in large print on the can and on the cardboard packaging. "Nickelodeon™" is written on the orange handle. "Made in China" is written on the back of the product. Discount department and toy stores sold the recalled "Smatter" products nationwide from February 2002 through June 5, 2002 for about \$10.

Problem: If the pressurized can is left in a hot automobile, it can forcefully break apart and cause injury to a nearby consumer. Jakks Pacific has received eight reports of the aerosol container breaking apart. One child reportedly suffered a minor bump on the head when a can of spray foam broke apart after being in a hot car. In two cases, car windshields were cracked.

What to do: Take the recalled "Smatter" away from children and contact Jakks Pacific, Inc. at (800) 554-5516 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday, for information on receiving a free replacement "Smatter" product. Consumers also can visit the firm's website at www.jakksacific.com. Never leave any aerosol can in a hot car because it could break apart, possibly causing injury.

Toy Track on Activity Centers

Product: About 152,000 toy tracks attached to children's activity centers by Graco Children's Products, Inc. The recalled activity centers include the Tot Wheels V, models 4511 and 4521, and the Convertible Entertainer, models 4652 and 35225. The model numbers and the words, "made in U.S.A." are printed on a label on the underside of the tray on the activity centers. The green wavy toy track sits on the tray of the activity center. Five objects spin and slide along the toy track. Discount, department and juvenile product stores sold the activity centers nationwide from November 2001 through May 2002 for between \$30 and \$70.

Problem: The toy track can break, presenting a cut or pinch hazard and exposed small parts pose a choking hazard to young children. Graco has received 11 reports of the toy tracks breaking. Four children received minor scratches and one child's finger was pinched.

What to do: Stop using these activity centers with toy tracks immediately, and contact Graco to receive a free replacement track. For more information, consumers can contact Graco at (800) 673-0392 anytime or visit the firm's website at www.gracobaby.com.

Children's Cooler/Chairs

Product: About 27,000 **Vacation Station™ children's cooler/chairs by Hilton Hotels Corporation.** The recalled product is a multi-use product that can be used as both a child's chair or a food/beverage storage cooler. The cooler/chairs were given to hotel guests as a welcoming gift at participating Hilton®, Doubletree®, and Hilton Garden Inn® hotels and resorts. The chairs have either a purple aluminum frame with a purple fabric seat and green cooler bag, or a green aluminum frame with a green fabric seat and a blue cooler bag. Vacation Station™ is printed on the front of the cooler bag. The chairs were made in Hong Kong and imported into the U.S. by Promotional Partners Group Limited of Hong Kong. Participating Hilton®, Doubletree®, and Hilton Garden Inn® hotels and resorts nationwide distributed the cooler chairs between May 2002 and June 2002 for free to hotel guests with children.

Problem: When the chair collapses the folding mechanism can pose a crushing, cutting or severing hazard to consumers' fingers. CPSC and Hilton Hotels are aware of one report in which part of a 2-year-old boy's fingertip was severed when the chair collapsed.

What to do: Stop using the recalled cooler/chairs immediately and contact Hilton Hotels for information on returning the cooler/chairs and receiving a free replacement item. Contact Hilton Hotels toll-free at (877) 221-2424 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. PT Monday through Friday, or visit one of the participating brand websites at www.hilton.com/families or www.hiltongardeninn.com/families.

Extension Cords

Product: About 190,000 **extension cords by STK International Inc.** The recalled extension cords were sold in brown (model EC-222) or white (model EC-221) and are approximately 5-feet 3-inches long. The model numbers are printed in the upper right corner of the packaging. The cords were packaged in a mustard and orange color sleeve with the words, "5 Household Extension Cords" and "Made in China" printed on the front. The "Volt Master" logo is printed in the left corner of the packaging. "YWC-981 8 CHINA E157848" is printed on the cord. Discount stores sold the extension cords nationwide from October 1998 to March 2002 for about \$1.

Problem: The cords have undersized wires, presenting a shock hazard to consumers. CPSC and STK International have not received any reports of incidents or injuries involving these extension cords. The recall is being conducted to prevent the possibility of injury.

What to do: Stop using and unplug these extension cords immediately and return them to STK International for a refund, including postage. Consumers should mail their extension cords to the attention of EC-221/ EC-222 Recall, STK International, Inc., 5500 East Olympic Boulevard Los Angeles, California 90222. For more information, call STK International at (800) 536-7855 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday.

Hairdryers

Product: About 3,000 **hairdryers by Remington Products Co.** The 1600-watt hairdryers have a chrome body, with black speed and heat controls. The model name, "Remington Vortex Ultra", is printed in black on one side of the air intake grill; the model number, V-1030, and the words, "Do Not Immerse In Water" and "Made in China" are printed in silver on the other side. The hairdryers have a UPC number of 0-74590-87541-6, which is located on the packaging box. The recalled hairdryers were sold nationwide in K-Mart; Sears; Target; Bed, Bath & Beyond; K's Merchandise; Service Merchandise; Eckerd; Army and Air Force Exchanges; and other retailers from July 2000 through January 2001 for between \$18 to \$25.

Problem: These hairdryers are not equipped with an appliance leakage current interrupter (ALCI) plug to cut off electrical current in case of contact with water. If dropped in water, the hairdryers pose an electrocution hazard to consumers. This recall was originally announced by CPSC and Remington on March 21, 2001. CPSC and Remington have not received any reports of electrocutions relating to these hairdryers. This recall is being announced to prevent the possibility of injury.

What to do: Stop using the hairdryers immediately. Owners of the recalled hairdryers will be sent a postage-paid shipping container to return their unit to Remington. Consumers will receive a new 1875-watt Vortex hairdryer with an ALCI plug. For more information, contact Remington at (800) 992-9686 between 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit the firm's website at www.remington-products.com/home.html.

— Carolyn T. Manley, Office of Compliance

CPSC's New Chairman

CPSC's new Chairman Hal Stratton hopes to make "the market a safer place for consumers." Mr. Stratton is an attorney and has had a private law practice in Albuquerque since 1991. Before that, he served as New Mexico attorney general from 1987 through 1990 and in the New Mexico House of Representatives from 1979 through 1986. He will serve a term that expires in October 2006.

At his recent Senate confirmation hearing, Mr. Stratton said, "The Commission's actions can affect the safety of every consumer in America, particularly those who are most vulnerable and hard to reach, such as the elderly and our children."

Mr. Stratton was born in Muskogee, Oklahoma



*CPSC Chairman
Hal Stratton*

and is an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation. He is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and the University of Oklahoma School of Law. After law school, Mr. Stratton served in the U.S. Army and then moved to Albuquerque. Mr. Stratton is married and has two daughters, ages 7 and 3. Noting that his children have made him sensitive to child safety, Mr. Stratton said, "With two young daughters, I think of consumer product safety every single day."

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