



U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Nancy Nord, *Acting Chairman*
Thomas H. Moore, *Commissioner*

IN THIS ISSUE

- New Mattress Standard..1
- NEISS Data Highlights....2
- Reporting Form.....7
- MECAP News.....8
- Recalls.....10

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY REVIEW

SUMMER 2007
VOL. 11, NO. 4

New Federal Mattress Standard

Beginning this summer, new mattresses will offer consumers better protection from fire. All mattresses for sale in the United States on or after July 1, 2007 must meet the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission’s (CPSC) mandatory, open-flame mattress standard (16 CFR Part 1633). While a separate standard on cigarette ignition of mattresses has been in place for more than 30 years, this new standard is designed to provide consumers protection by reducing the severity of mattress fires ignited by open flame sources such as candles, matches and lighters and by providing more escape time.

CPSC estimates that the new federal flammability standard, when fully effective, will prevent as many as 270 deaths and 1330 injuries every year. Older mattresses can fuel fires leading to “flash over” – the simultaneous ignition of everything in a room.

“The new federal flammability standard limits the spread and intensity of a mattress fire,” said CPSC Acting Chairman Nancy Nord. “That will give consumers valuable time to escape their homes if there’s a fire and it will save lives.”

When shopping for a new mattress or mattress set, including mattresses for cribs, bunk beds, futons and roll-away beds, consumers should look for a label on the mattress stating that it meets the federal flammability requirement, and whether it is intended to be sold alone or with a specific foundation.

Common consumer questions:

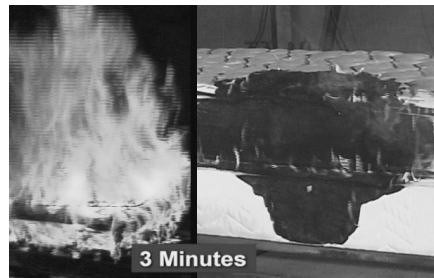
How do I know if my mattress complies?

Look for the required label on the mattress set to make sure it complies with the open-flame standard.

Does CPSC require manufacturers to use fire-retardant chemicals?

No. CPSC does not require mattress

manufacturers to use fire-retardant chemicals or any other specific technology to meet the requirements of the standard. There are compliant mattress sets available that do not use fire-retardant chemicals.



A conventional mattress, on the left, is engulfed in flames in just a few minutes compared to a mattress that complies with the federal open-flame standard, on the right.

Will the mattress sets look and feel the same?

Mattress sets that comply with federal flammability standards shouldn’t look or feel any different and shouldn’t be any less comfortable.

Although the new flammability standard adds a layer of fire protection, consumers still need to keep in mind that increased fire resistance does not mean that fire risk is eliminated. CPSC urges consumers to never smoke in bed; be careful with candles; keep lighters, matches and candles away from children; and have working smoke alarms.

NEISS Data Highlights – 2006

CPSC's National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS) collects current injury data associated with 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 2006 NEISS estimates have been produced from a sample of 96 hospitals, including children's hospitals. Information from NEISS is available to the public through CPSC's National Injury Information Clearinghouse (phone: 301-504-0424) and online at www.cpsc.gov/library/neiss.html. For information about NEISS, contact: Thomas J. Schroeder (phone: 301-504-7431/ e-mail: tschroeder@cpsc.gov).

Product Groupings	Estimated Number of Injuries*	CV*	Number of Injuries*	Estimated Number of Injuries and Estimated Rate of Product-Related Injuries per 100,000 Population in the United States and Territories (listed in <i>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	86,573	.09	2,982	86,573	67,004	2,448	4,949	11,097	1,075	41,509	45,059	81,862	4,712
				<i>28.9</i>	<i>328.2</i>	<i>6.1</i>	<i>11.7</i>	<i>7.0</i>	<i>2.9</i>	<i>28.1</i>	<i>29.7</i>	<i>27.3</i>	<i>1.6</i>
Toys													
All Toys	213,171	.07	6,710	213,171	77,989	83,605	17,440	30,092	4,044	123,051	89,983	207,907	5,264
				<i>71.2</i>	<i>382.0</i>	<i>207.3</i>	<i>41.1</i>	<i>18.9</i>	<i>10.9</i>	<i>83.4</i>	<i>59.2</i>	<i>69.4</i>	<i>1.8</i>
Sports & Recreational Equipment													
ATV's, Mopeds, Minibikes, etc.	275,123	.08	6,155	275,123	4,734	61,310	95,581	106,766	6,732	212,783	62,263	244,304	30,818
				<i>91.9</i>	<i>23.2</i>	<i>152.0</i>	<i>225.2</i>	<i>67.2</i>	<i>18.1</i>	<i>144.2</i>	<i>41.0</i>	<i>81.6</i>	<i>10.3</i>
Amusement Attractions**	27,389	.12	826	27,389	3,549	11,185	5,363	7,145	147	13,043	14,347	26,776	613
				<i>9.1</i>	<i>17.4</i>	<i>27.7</i>	<i>12.6</i>	<i>4.5</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>8.8</i>	<i>9.4</i>	<i>8.9</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Barbecue Grills, Stoves, Equipment	17,367	.08	513	17,367	3,506	1,971	2,399	8,842	649	11,107	6,260	16,231	1,136
				<i>5.8</i>	<i>17.2</i>	<i>4.9</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>5.6</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>7.5</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>0.4</i>
Baseball, Softball	274,867	.07	7,128	274,867	4,519	107,835	81,759	78,547	2,207	184,748	89,960	270,803	4,058
				<i>91.8</i>	<i>22.1</i>	<i>267.3</i>	<i>192.7</i>	<i>49.4</i>	<i>5.9</i>	<i>125.2</i>	<i>59.2</i>	<i>90.4</i>	<i>1.4</i>
Basketball	529,837	.06	15,618	529,837	1,624	177,329	248,895	100,927	1,061	416,646	112,956	524,996	4,836
				<i>177.0</i>	<i>8.0</i>	<i>439.6</i>	<i>586.5</i>	<i>63.5</i>	<i>2.8</i>	<i>282.4</i>	<i>74.4</i>	<i>175.4</i>	<i>1.6</i>
Beach, Picnic, Camping Equipment	18,593	.10	464	18,593	3,195	3,079	2,159	8,104	2,054	9,116	9,476	17,924	669
				<i>6.2</i>	<i>15.7</i>	<i>7.6</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>5.5</i>	<i>6.2</i>	<i>6.2</i>	<i>6.0</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Bicycles & Accessories	490,434	.09	13,887	490,434	27,606	212,189	86,244	148,194	16,130	356,272	134,046	461,491	28,928
				<i>163.8</i>	<i>135.2</i>	<i>526.0</i>	<i>203.2</i>	<i>93.2</i>	<i>43.3</i>	<i>241.5</i>	<i>88.3</i>	<i>154.1</i>	<i>9.7</i>
Boxing	13,118	.11	363	13,118	0	1,544	6,691	4,882	0	11,920	1,192	13,006	112
				<i>4.4</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>15.8</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>8.1</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>4.3</i>	<i>0.0</i>
Exercise, Exercise Equipment	269,249	.08	7,188	269,249	8,957	38,771	68,966	131,932	20,602	156,635	112,440	259,471	9,777
				<i>89.9</i>	<i>43.9</i>	<i>96.1</i>	<i>162.5</i>	<i>83.0</i>	<i>55.3</i>	<i>106.2</i>	<i>74.0</i>	<i>86.7</i>	<i>3.3</i>
Football	460,210	.06	14,041	460,210	923	219,954	192,698	46,259	371	431,805	28,328	450,573	9,637
				<i>153.7</i>	<i>4.5</i>	<i>545.3</i>	<i>454.1</i>	<i>29.1</i>	<i>1.0</i>	<i>292.7</i>	<i>18.7</i>	<i>150.5</i>	<i>3.2</i>
Hockey	60,378	.19	1,595	60,378	108	19,728	28,815	11,581	147	48,911	11,467	59,268	1,109
				<i>20.2</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>48.9</i>	<i>67.9</i>	<i>7.3</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>33.2</i>	<i>7.5</i>	<i>19.8</i>	<i>0.4</i>
Horseback Riding	70,915	.10	1,719	70,915	961	15,402	14,534	37,019	3,000	23,746	47,168	62,854	8,061
				<i>23.7</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>38.2</i>	<i>34.2</i>	<i>23.3</i>	<i>8.1</i>	<i>16.1</i>	<i>31.1</i>	<i>21.0</i>	<i>2.7</i>
In-line Skating	27,684	.16	708	27,684	111	16,399	4,281	6,798	95	13,355	14,329	27,033	591
				<i>9.2</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>40.7</i>	<i>10.1</i>	<i>4.3</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>9.1</i>	<i>9.4</i>	<i>9.0</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Lacrosse, Rugby, Misc. Ball Games	85,580	.10	2,482	85,580	1,769	38,522	32,712	12,035	543	59,017	26,548	84,364	1,216
				<i>28.6</i>	<i>8.7</i>	<i>95.5</i>	<i>77.1</i>	<i>7.6</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>40.0</i>	<i>17.5</i>	<i>28.2</i>	<i>0.4</i>

* See page 6 for explanation.

** Includes fixed rides in amusement or theme parks; mobile rides; inflatables such as "moon bounces"; rides at shopping malls or restaurants; and waterslides.

NEISS Data Highlights — Calendar Year 2006

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
Nonpowder Guns, BB'S, Pellets	26,266	.07	798	26,266	1,528	10,705	9,442	4,323	262	21,647	4,619	24,524	1,742
				<i>8.8</i>	<i>7.5</i>	<i>26.5</i>	<i>22.3</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>14.7</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>8.2</i>	<i>0.6</i>
Playground Equipment	221,777	.07	7,756	221,777	58,403	149,136	5,766	7,668	804	117,823	103,954	213,120	8,597
				<i>74.1</i>	<i>286.0</i>	<i>369.7</i>	<i>13.6</i>	<i>4.8</i>	<i>2.2</i>	<i>79.9</i>	<i>68.4</i>	<i>71.2</i>	<i>2.9</i>
Racquet Sports	30,956	.16	798	30,956	220	4,438	6,770	15,940	3,574	18,912	12,044	30,085	871
				<i>10.3</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>11.0</i>	<i>16.0</i>	<i>10.0</i>	<i>9.6</i>	<i>12.8</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>10.0</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Skateboards	125,713	.13	3,070	125,713	1,487	63,643	48,793	11,376	414	110,283	15,424	122,693	3,020
				<i>42.0</i>	<i>7.3</i>	<i>157.8</i>	<i>115.0</i>	<i>7.2</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>74.8</i>	<i>10.2</i>	<i>41.0</i>	<i>1.0</i>
Skating (excl. In-line)	75,719	.08	2,370	75,719	553	42,485	11,595	20,358	728	27,035	48,685	74,315	1,388
				<i>25.3</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>105.3</i>	<i>27.3</i>	<i>12.8</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>18.3</i>	<i>32.1</i>	<i>24.8</i>	<i>0.5</i>
Snowskiing, Snowboarding	96,119	.30	2,170	96,119	142	22,044	41,617	30,564	1,752	65,427	30,692	89,996	6,123
				<i>32.1</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>54.7</i>	<i>98.1</i>	<i>19.2</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>44.4</i>	<i>20.2</i>	<i>30.1</i>	<i>2.0</i>
Soccer	186,544	.12	5,517	186,544	1,098	81,214	69,542	34,279	411	112,911	73,633	183,177	3,366
				<i>62.3</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>201.3</i>	<i>163.9</i>	<i>21.6</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>76.5</i>	<i>48.5</i>	<i>61.2</i>	<i>1.1</i>
Swimming, Pools, Equipment	164,607	.17	4,295	164,607	17,210	66,438	29,911	46,232	4,815	90,171	74,363	157,315	7,276
				<i>55.0</i>	<i>84.3</i>	<i>164.7</i>	<i>70.5</i>	<i>29.1</i>	<i>12.9</i>	<i>61.1</i>	<i>49.0</i>	<i>52.5</i>	<i>2.4</i>
Toboggans, Sleds, Snow Discs, etc.	16,581	.17	371	16,581	690	8,489	4,126	3,261	15	9,934	6,647	15,783	798
				<i>5.5</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>21.0</i>	<i>9.7</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>4.4</i>	<i>5.3</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Track & Field Activities, Equipment	20,459	.08	609	20,459	60	9,140	10,339	860	60	9,423	11,036	19,880	579
				<i>6.8</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>22.7</i>	<i>24.4</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>6.4</i>	<i>7.3</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Trampolines	109,522	.08	3,277	109,522	15,541	71,265	14,570	7,836	309	56,345	53,177	104,729	4,793
				<i>36.6</i>	<i>76.1</i>	<i>176.7</i>	<i>34.3</i>	<i>4.9</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>38.2</i>	<i>35.0</i>	<i>35.0</i>	<i>1.6</i>
Volleyball	57,387	.10	1,434	57,387	79	16,092	24,024	16,613	578	23,249	34,138	56,923	464
				<i>19.2</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>39.9</i>	<i>56.6</i>	<i>10.5</i>	<i>1.6</i>	<i>15.8</i>	<i>22.5</i>	<i>19.0</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Home Comm'n & Entertainment													
Sound Recording Equipment	38,255	.07	1,073	38,255	6,383	4,123	5,865	14,953	6,931	17,216	21,039	35,272	2,984
				<i>12.8</i>	<i>31.3</i>	<i>10.2</i>	<i>13.8</i>	<i>9.4</i>	<i>18.6</i>	<i>11.7</i>	<i>13.9</i>	<i>11.8</i>	<i>1.0</i>
Television Sets & Stands	61,356	.07	1,826	61,356	14,506	8,273	7,450	24,340	6,786	32,703	28,646	58,933	2,423
				<i>20.5</i>	<i>71.0</i>	<i>20.5</i>	<i>17.6</i>	<i>15.3</i>	<i>18.2</i>	<i>22.2</i>	<i>18.9</i>	<i>19.7</i>	<i>0.8</i>
Personal Use Items													
Cigarettes, Lighters, Fuel	17,324	.08	524	17,324	2,832	1,457	3,695	7,940	1,399	10,725	6,599	15,113	2,211
				<i>5.8</i>	<i>13.9</i>	<i>3.6</i>	<i>8.7</i>	<i>5.0</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>7.3</i>	<i>4.3</i>	<i>5.0</i>	<i>0.7</i>
Clothing	222,007	.08	5,983	222,007	12,439	34,379	33,681	99,948	41,545	89,253	132,739	207,191	14,817
				<i>74.2</i>	<i>60.9</i>	<i>85.2</i>	<i>79.4</i>	<i>62.9</i>	<i>111.5</i>	<i>60.5</i>	<i>87.4</i>	<i>69.2</i>	<i>4.9</i>
Drug Poisonings to Children under 5	71,418	.16	2,541	71,418	71,356	0	0	0	0	37,817	33,441	58,441	12,971
				<i>23.9</i>	<i>349.5</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>25.6</i>	<i>22.0</i>	<i>19.5</i>	<i>4.3</i>
Grooming Devices	29,133	.08	908	29,133	8,719	3,168	3,807	10,278	3,160	9,744	19,389	28,517	616
				<i>9.7</i>	<i>42.7</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>9.0</i>	<i>6.5</i>	<i>8.5</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>12.8</i>	<i>9.5</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Protection Devices	11,535	.13	270	11,535	872	1,010	2,755	6,018	880	8,720	2,744	11,278	257
				<i>3.9</i>	<i>4.3</i>	<i>2.5</i>	<i>6.5</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>2.4</i>	<i>5.9</i>	<i>1.8</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>0.1</i>

* See page 6 for explanation.

NEISS Data Highlights — Calendar Year 2006

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
Razors, Shavers, Razor Blades	38,773	.08	934	38,773	2,627	1,840	9,046	21,605	3,655	24,364	14,394	37,919	854
				<i>13.0</i>	<i>12.9</i>	<i>4.6</i>	<i>21.3</i>	<i>13.6</i>	<i>9.8</i>	<i>16.5</i>	<i>9.5</i>	<i>12.7</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Household Containers													
Cans, Other Containers	262,008	.06	6,962	262,008	26,693	25,152	39,510	146,312	24,341	122,259	139,733	253,996	8,012
				<i>87.5</i>	<i>130.7</i>	<i>62.4</i>	<i>93.1</i>	<i>92.1</i>	<i>65.3</i>	<i>82.9</i>	<i>92.0</i>	<i>84.8</i>	<i>2.7</i>
Glass Bottles, Jars	39,265	.10	1,100	39,265	3,045	5,536	9,761	19,120	1,787	22,010	17,239	38,467	798
				<i>13.1</i>	<i>14.9</i>	<i>13.7</i>	<i>23.0</i>	<i>12.0</i>	<i>4.8</i>	<i>14.9</i>	<i>11.4</i>	<i>12.8</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Yard & Garden Equipment													
Chain Saws	28,261	.08	565	28,261	44	464	4,096	19,800	3,857	26,983	1,278	26,993	1,268
				<i>9.4</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>9.7</i>	<i>12.5</i>	<i>10.4</i>	<i>18.3</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>9.0</i>	<i>0.4</i>
Hand Garden Tools	39,827	.10	903	39,827	1,558	4,133	3,425	24,323	6,388	25,656	14,171	38,080	1,747
				<i>13.3</i>	<i>7.6</i>	<i>10.2</i>	<i>8.1</i>	<i>15.3</i>	<i>17.1</i>	<i>17.4</i>	<i>9.3</i>	<i>12.7</i>	<i>0.6</i>
Hatchets, Axes	11,624	.11	230	11,624	162	2,070	2,003	6,611	778	10,241	1,383	11,579	46
				<i>3.9</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>4.2</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>6.9</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>3.9</i>	<i>0.0</i>
Lawn & Garden Equipment	70,244	.08	1,721	70,244	3,861	7,089	7,009	35,019	17,266	39,732	30,512	66,265	3,963
				<i>23.5</i>	<i>18.9</i>	<i>17.6</i>	<i>16.5</i>	<i>22.0</i>	<i>46.3</i>	<i>26.9</i>	<i>20.1</i>	<i>22.1</i>	<i>1.3</i>
Lawn Mowers	78,740	.10	1,717	78,740	1,579	3,177	7,087	53,632	13,265	57,300	21,440	72,351	6,309
				<i>26.3</i>	<i>7.7</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>16.7</i>	<i>33.7</i>	<i>35.6</i>	<i>38.8</i>	<i>14.1</i>	<i>24.2</i>	<i>2.1</i>
Other Power Lawn Equipment	18,407	.13	381	18,407	346	1,308	1,785	11,355	3,613	16,524	1,883	17,018	1,389
				<i>6.1</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>3.2</i>	<i>4.2</i>	<i>7.1</i>	<i>9.7</i>	<i>11.2</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>0.5</i>
Trimmers, Small Power Garden Tools	16,336	.12	354	16,336	261	379	2,290	11,729	1,678	11,600	4,736	15,735	601
				<i>5.5</i>	<i>1.3</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>7.4</i>	<i>4.5</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>5.3</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Home Workshop Equipment													
Batteries	11,623	.09	365	11,623	3,489	1,969	1,260	4,263	642	8,385	3,238	10,754	869
				<i>3.9</i>	<i>17.1</i>	<i>4.9</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>3.6</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Hoists, Lifts, Jacks, etc.	15,706	.11	346	15,706	183	620	3,618	10,040	1,245	13,658	2,017	14,774	931
				<i>5.2</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>8.5</i>	<i>6.3</i>	<i>3.3</i>	<i>9.3</i>	<i>1.3</i>	<i>4.9</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Power Home Tools (excl. Saws)	22,327	.11	448	22,327	510	818	3,308	15,106	2,586	19,587	2,741	21,824	504
				<i>7.5</i>	<i>2.5</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>7.8</i>	<i>9.5</i>	<i>6.9</i>	<i>13.3</i>	<i>1.8</i>	<i>7.3</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Power Home Workshop Saws	90,758	.07	2,056	90,758	172	1,577	8,444	62,597	17,968	86,021	4,579	84,703	6,055
				<i>30.3</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>3.9</i>	<i>19.9</i>	<i>39.4</i>	<i>48.2</i>	<i>58.3</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>28.3</i>	<i>2.0</i>
Welding, Soldering, Cutting Tools	18,769	.11	380	18,769	230	414	5,182	12,280	591	18,022	731	18,533	236
				<i>6.3</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>1.0</i>	<i>12.2</i>	<i>7.7</i>	<i>1.6</i>	<i>12.2</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>6.2</i>	<i>0.1</i>
Wires, Cords, Not Specified	12,691	.09	297	12,691	554	1,528	1,865	7,518	1,226	9,109	3,582	12,083	608
				<i>4.2</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>4.4</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>3.3</i>	<i>6.2</i>	<i>2.4</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Workshop Manual Tools	131,742	.08	2,819	131,742	2,161	7,880	20,712	89,330	11,659	114,119	17,623	129,331	2,411
				<i>44.0</i>	<i>10.6</i>	<i>19.5</i>	<i>48.8</i>	<i>56.2</i>	<i>31.3</i>	<i>77.4</i>	<i>11.6</i>	<i>43.2</i>	<i>0.8</i>
Home Maintenance													
Cleaning Agents (excl. Soaps)	37,265	.09	972	37,265	10,933	2,305	4,334	17,162	2,530	16,304	20,961	35,084	2,181
				<i>12.4</i>	<i>53.5</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>10.2</i>	<i>10.8</i>	<i>6.8</i>	<i>11.1</i>	<i>13.8</i>	<i>11.7</i>	<i>0.7</i>

* See page 6 for explanation.

NEISS Data Highlights — Calendar Year 2006

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
Cleaning Equip., Non-caustic Deterg.	37,689	.06	995	37,689	2,934	5,291	4,175	21,537	3,752	17,179	20,494	36,153	1,536
				<i>12.6</i>	<i>14.4</i>	<i>13.1</i>	<i>9.8</i>	<i>13.5</i>	<i>10.1</i>	<i>11.6</i>	<i>13.5</i>	<i>12.1</i>	<i>0.5</i>
Paints, Solvents, Lubricants	20,395	.11	536	20,395	1,435	1,442	2,371	13,477	1,670	13,032	7,362	19,153	1,242
				<i>6.8</i>	<i>7.0</i>	<i>3.6</i>	<i>5.6</i>	<i>8.5</i>	<i>4.5</i>	<i>8.8</i>	<i>4.8</i>	<i>6.4</i>	<i>0.4</i>
Soaps, Detergents	24,546	.13	727	24,546	4,899	2,116	4,139	11,830	1,561	11,010	13,535	24,297	248
				<i>8.2</i>	<i>24.0</i>	<i>5.2</i>	<i>9.8</i>	<i>7.4</i>	<i>4.2</i>	<i>7.5</i>	<i>8.9</i>	<i>8.1</i>	<i>0.1</i>
General Household Appliances													
Cooking Ranges, Ovens, etc.	45,083	.05	1,295	45,083	11,373	4,275	4,901	20,873	3,661	20,532	24,545	42,593	2,430
				<i>15.1</i>	<i>55.7</i>	<i>10.6</i>	<i>11.5</i>	<i>13.1</i>	<i>9.8</i>	<i>13.9</i>	<i>16.2</i>	<i>14.2</i>	<i>0.8</i>
Irons, Clothes Steamers (not Toys)	11,511	.10	502	11,511	6,778	1,340	966	2,223	205	6,116	5,395	11,337	174
				<i>3.8</i>	<i>33.2</i>	<i>3.3</i>	<i>2.3</i>	<i>1.4</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>3.6</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>0.1</i>
Refrigerators, Freezers	38,651	.07	959	38,651	2,310	3,234	5,652	21,700	5,755	20,913	17,738	36,865	1,786
				<i>12.9</i>	<i>11.3</i>	<i>8.0</i>	<i>13.3</i>	<i>13.7</i>	<i>15.4</i>	<i>14.2</i>	<i>11.7</i>	<i>12.3</i>	<i>0.6</i>
Small Kitchen Appliances	35,253	.08	882	35,253	2,778	2,580	5,346	20,251	4,299	14,787	20,467	34,659	595
				<i>11.8</i>	<i>13.6</i>	<i>6.4</i>	<i>12.6</i>	<i>12.7</i>	<i>11.5</i>	<i>10.0</i>	<i>13.5</i>	<i>11.6</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Washers, Dryers	20,471	.08	485	20,471	1,240	1,400	1,976	13,238	2,616	11,544	8,856	19,880	520
				<i>6.8</i>	<i>6.1</i>	<i>3.5</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>8.3</i>	<i>7.0</i>	<i>7.8</i>	<i>5.8</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Heating, Cooling, Vent. Equip.													
Air Conditioners	15,248	.10	378	15,248	606	1,476	2,195	9,227	1,743	10,383	4,865	14,777	471
				<i>5.1</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>3.7</i>	<i>5.2</i>	<i>5.8</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>7.0</i>	<i>3.2</i>	<i>4.9</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Chimneys, Fireplaces	15,606	.11	487	15,606	9,049	1,983	727	2,604	1,243	9,707	5,899	15,135	471
				<i>5.2</i>	<i>44.3</i>	<i>4.9</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>1.6</i>	<i>3.3</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>3.9</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Fans (excl. Stove Exhaust Fans)	16,636	.09	418	16,636	2,287	2,311	2,290	7,913	1,834	8,668	7,968	16,095	541
				<i>5.6</i>	<i>11.2</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>5.0</i>	<i>4.9</i>	<i>5.9</i>	<i>5.2</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Heating & Plumbing Pipes	38,583	.07	993	38,583	3,715	6,917	4,811	20,058	3,081	27,039	11,544	37,927	656
				<i>12.9</i>	<i>18.2</i>	<i>17.1</i>	<i>11.3</i>	<i>12.6</i>	<i>8.3</i>	<i>18.3</i>	<i>7.6</i>	<i>12.7</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Heating Stoves, Space Heaters	19,220	.08	513	19,220	6,262	2,668	1,489	6,299	2,502	10,934	8,286	17,774	1,446
				<i>6.4</i>	<i>30.7</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>3.5</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>7.4</i>	<i>5.5</i>	<i>5.9</i>	<i>0.5</i>
Home Furnishings & Fixtures													
Bathroom Structures & Fixtures	331,033	.07	8,662	331,033	38,557	25,430	30,493	145,167	91,371	134,489	196,545	299,096	31,932
				<i>110.6</i>	<i>188.8</i>	<i>63.0</i>	<i>71.9</i>	<i>91.3</i>	<i>245.2</i>	<i>91.2</i>	<i>129.4</i>	<i>99.9</i>	<i>10.7</i>
Beds, Mattresses, Pillows	553,091	.06	16,598	553,091	160,453	72,467	35,935	128,176	156,060	245,277	307,727	496,702	56,322
				<i>184.7</i>	<i>785.8</i>	<i>179.7</i>	<i>84.7</i>	<i>80.6</i>	<i>418.8</i>	<i>166.3</i>	<i>202.6</i>	<i>165.9</i>	<i>18.8</i>
Blankets	11,535	.10	297	11,535	1,681	1,202	758	4,453	3,425	3,842	7,693	10,572	963
				<i>3.9</i>	<i>8.2</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>1.8</i>	<i>2.8</i>	<i>9.2</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>3.5</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Carpets, Rugs	127,017	.10	3,444	127,017	16,773	8,899	7,141	43,657	50,547	40,386	86,631	111,349	15,668
				<i>42.4</i>	<i>82.1</i>	<i>22.1</i>	<i>16.8</i>	<i>27.5</i>	<i>135.7</i>	<i>27.4</i>	<i>57.0</i>	<i>37.2</i>	<i>5.2</i>
Chairs, Sofas, Sofa Beds	473,733	.06	13,856	473,733	131,237	58,661	32,995	140,465	110,376	208,711	264,914	437,435	36,254
				<i>158.2</i>	<i>642.7</i>	<i>145.4</i>	<i>77.8</i>	<i>88.4</i>	<i>296.2</i>	<i>141.5</i>	<i>174.4</i>	<i>146.1</i>	<i>12.1</i>
Desks, Cabinets, Shelves, Racks	271,357	.06	7,413	271,357	57,179	44,329	29,343	102,309	38,197	130,951	140,192	263,999	7,298
				<i>90.6</i>	<i>280.0</i>	<i>109.9</i>	<i>69.1</i>	<i>64.4</i>	<i>102.5</i>	<i>88.8</i>	<i>92.3</i>	<i>88.2</i>	<i>2.4</i>

* See page 6 for explanation.

NEISS Data Highlights — Calendar Year 2006

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
Electric Fixt., Lamps, Equip.	54,012	.06	1,443	54,012	7,202	8,381	6,853	24,308	7,268	29,835	24,176	50,841	3,171
				<i>18.0</i>	<i>35.3</i>	<i>20.8</i>	<i>16.1</i>	<i>15.3</i>	<i>19.5</i>	<i>20.2</i>	<i>15.9</i>	<i>17.0</i>	<i>1.1</i>
Holiday, Party Supplies	15,414	.13	383	15,414	2,634	1,266	1,308	8,171	2,036	6,878	8,536	14,868	546
				<i>5.1</i>	<i>12.9</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>5.5</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>5.6</i>	<i>5.0</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Ladders, Stools	237,030	.07	5,951	237,030	11,646	8,658	16,892	156,408	43,427	157,170	79,861	215,351	21,620
				<i>79.2</i>	<i>57.0</i>	<i>21.5</i>	<i>39.8</i>	<i>98.4</i>	<i>116.6</i>	<i>106.5</i>	<i>52.6</i>	<i>71.9</i>	<i>7.2</i>
Mirrors, Mirror Glass	25,451	.09	733	25,451	3,300	4,154	7,404	9,907	685	13,711	11,741	25,048	403
				<i>8.5</i>	<i>16.2</i>	<i>10.3</i>	<i>17.4</i>	<i>6.2</i>	<i>1.8</i>	<i>9.3</i>	<i>7.7</i>	<i>8.4</i>	<i>0.1</i>
Misc. Household Covers, Fabrics	24,218	.10	575	24,218	2,172	1,688	1,611	10,502	8,246	7,105	17,042	22,229	1,990
				<i>8.1</i>	<i>10.6</i>	<i>4.2</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>22.1</i>	<i>4.8</i>	<i>11.2</i>	<i>7.4</i>	<i>0.7</i>
Other Misc. Furniture & Accessories	121,933	.08	3,093	121,933	7,516	4,764	16,998	81,996	10,658	60,205	61,712	119,408	2,525
				<i>40.7</i>	<i>36.8</i>	<i>11.8</i>	<i>40.1</i>	<i>51.6</i>	<i>28.6</i>	<i>40.8</i>	<i>40.6</i>	<i>39.9</i>	<i>0.8</i>
Tables, not elsewhere classified	317,795	.06	9,554	317,795	119,950	51,147	23,276	75,085	48,323	168,687	149,108	304,933	12,862
				<i>106.1</i>	<i>587.5</i>	<i>126.8</i>	<i>54.9</i>	<i>47.2</i>	<i>129.7</i>	<i>114.4</i>	<i>98.2</i>	<i>101.8</i>	<i>4.3</i>
Home Structures & Const. Mat.													
Cabinet/Door Hardware	18,759	.09	532	18,759	3,180	3,965	2,097	5,759	3,758	10,013	8,674	18,278	482
				<i>6.3</i>	<i>15.6</i>	<i>9.8</i>	<i>4.9</i>	<i>3.6</i>	<i>10.1</i>	<i>6.8</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>6.1</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Fences	110,011	.07	3,185	110,011	5,453	30,258	24,954	40,470	8,862	78,053	31,872	104,863	5,149
				<i>36.7</i>	<i>26.7</i>	<i>75.0</i>	<i>58.8</i>	<i>25.5</i>	<i>23.8</i>	<i>52.9</i>	<i>21.0</i>	<i>35.0</i>	<i>1.7</i>
Glass Doors, Windows, Panels	161,660	.07	4,467	161,660	13,938	25,661	51,208	63,353	7,450	98,159	63,356	154,953	6,692
				<i>54.0</i>	<i>68.3</i>	<i>63.6</i>	<i>120.7</i>	<i>39.9</i>	<i>20.0</i>	<i>66.5</i>	<i>41.7</i>	<i>51.8</i>	<i>2.2</i>
Handrails, Railings, Banisters	43,048	.08	1,296	43,048	4,435	7,985	6,785	17,741	6,091	22,217	20,831	40,703	2,345
				<i>14.4</i>	<i>21.7</i>	<i>19.8</i>	<i>16.0</i>	<i>11.2</i>	<i>16.3</i>	<i>15.1</i>	<i>13.7</i>	<i>13.6</i>	<i>0.8</i>
Non-glass Doors, Panels	334,413	.06	9,951	334,413	64,754	68,327	51,474	111,936	37,922	164,256	169,941	326,019	8,394
				<i>111.7</i>	<i>317.1</i>	<i>169.4</i>	<i>121.3</i>	<i>70.4</i>	<i>101.8</i>	<i>111.4</i>	<i>111.9</i>	<i>108.9</i>	<i>2.8</i>
Outside Attached Struct. & Mat.	17,511	.12	409	17,511	825	1,137	2,281	10,477	2,776	13,372	4,139	16,286	1,225
				<i>5.8</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>2.8</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>7.4</i>	<i>9.1</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>0.4</i>
Stairs, Ramps, Landings, Floors	2,329,829	.07	62,317	2,329,829	279,290	201,750	243,346	964,782	640,481	859,032	1,470,618	2,047,281	282,416
				<i>778.2</i>	<i>1367.9</i>	<i>500.2</i>	<i>573.5</i>	<i>607.0</i>	<i>1719.0</i>	<i>582.3</i>	<i>968.2</i>	<i>683.8</i>	<i>94.3</i>
Window, Door Sills, Frames	65,249	.09	1,658	65,249	13,773	9,294	7,415	21,577	13,191	29,331	35,918	62,845	2,404
				<i>21.8</i>	<i>67.5</i>	<i>23.0</i>	<i>17.5</i>	<i>13.6</i>	<i>35.4</i>	<i>19.9</i>	<i>23.6</i>	<i>21.0</i>	<i>0.8</i>
Miscellaneous Products													
Dollies, Carts	50,000	.07	1,533	50,000	22,713	4,539	2,393	13,861	6,488	22,533	27,460	47,869	2,131
				<i>16.7</i>	<i>111.2</i>	<i>11.3</i>	<i>5.6</i>	<i>8.7</i>	<i>17.4</i>	<i>15.3</i>	<i>18.1</i>	<i>16.0</i>	<i>0.7</i>
Elevators, Other Lifts	20,974	.17	681	20,974	1,795	1,821	1,465	7,392	8,486	7,809	13,165	19,661	1,314
				<i>7.0</i>	<i>8.8</i>	<i>4.5</i>	<i>3.5</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>22.8</i>	<i>5.3</i>	<i>8.7</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>0.4</i>
Gasoline, Diesel Fuels	13,311	.10	337	13,311	740	1,635	2,638	7,434	863	11,121	2,191	10,819	2,493
				<i>4.4</i>	<i>3.6</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>6.2</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>2.3</i>	<i>7.5</i>	<i>1.4</i>	<i>3.6</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 Census Bureau's July 1, 2006 U.S. resident population estimates.

Consumer Product Incident Report

Please contact us about any injury or death involving consumer products. Call us toll free at: **1-800-638-8095**. Visit our website at **www.cpsc.gov**. Or, fill out the form below. Send it to: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission/EHDS, Washington, DC 20207 or fax it to: **1-800-809-0924**. We may contact you for further details. Please provide as much information as possible. Thank you.

YOUR NAME _____

YOUR ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

YOUR TELEPHONE _____

NAME OF VICTIM (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____

DESCRIBE THE INCIDENT OR HAZARD, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES

VICTIM'S AGE _____ SEX _____ DATE OF INCIDENT _____

DESCRIBE PRODUCT INVOLVED _____

PRODUCT BRAND NAME/MANUFACTURER _____

IS PRODUCT INVOLVED STILL AVAILABLE? YES NO PRODUCT MODEL AND SERIAL NUMBER _____

WHEN WAS THE PRODUCT PURCHASED? _____

This information is collected by authority of 15 U.S.C. 2054 and may be shared with product manufacturers, distributors, or retailers. No names or other personal information, however, will be disclosed without explicit permission.



U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
Washington, DC 20207

TC-49

PLEASE DUPLICATE THIS FORM FOR FUTURE USE.

CPSC FORM 175A (6/96) OMB CLEARANCE NO. 3041-0029

MECAP NEWS

Medical Examiners and Coroners Alert Project

The MECAP 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.

You can report a case or ask for information about MECAP in several ways.

- Call our toll-free number, 1-800-638-8095.
- Use our toll-free fax number, 1-800-809-0924.
- Send an e-mail message to tschroeder@cpsc.gov.

MECAP reports also can be reported directly to the CPSC Web site.

- Go to www.cpsc.gov.
- Click on *Report an Unsafe Product*.
- Scroll down and click on *File MECAP Reports*.

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

**Received as an online report.

CPSC received 901 MECAP cases from December 2006 through February 2007. Some of the cases are listed below to show the type and nature of the reported incidents.

ASPHYXIATIONS/ SUFFOCATIONS

*A female, 20 months, was at her grandparents' home where she was staying with her mother. Her grandmother went to a guest room to check on the child, and found her hanging from the pull cord of a Roman shade. She cut the pull cord from the child's neck but attempts at resuscitation were unsuccessful. The cause of death was asphyxia. (Randolph K. Dailey, Sr. for David R. Fowler, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, State of Maryland, Baltimore, MD)

A male, 8 weeks, was laid down on a children's bean bag chair to sleep. He had just been fed a bottle after waking up in the middle of the night. Several hours later, his father found him unresponsive with his face in the bean bag chair. The cause of death was smothering. (Robert R. Pfalzgraf, M.D., Associate Medical Examiner, District 21, Fort Myers, FL)

A male, 2 months, was found unresponsive in an over-sized beanbag chair. He had been fed a bottle, and propped up in a corner of the chair with an afghan and a blanket tucked around him. The cause of death was positional asphyxia. (Vicki Firth, R.N., Deputy Coroner, Montgomery County, Norristown, PA)

*A male, 3 months, was placed in a bouncy seat by his father. Sometime later, the child was found unresponsive with his face down and his head hanging over the top of the bouncy seat. The cause of death was positional asphyxia. (Vera V. Volnikh, M.D., Associate Medical Examiner, District 10, Winter Haven, FL)

A female, 3 months, fell asleep while having her diaper changed on a changing table. Her au pair decided to let her sleep there, and left the room. She returned to find the child head-first in a

diaper pail at the end of the changing table. The cause of death was positional asphyxia.

(Vicki Firth, R.N., Deputy Coroner, Montgomery County, Norristown, PA)

A male, 11 months, was sleeping in a bed with his parents. The next morning he was found unresponsive and face down in a clothes hamper next to the bed. The cause of death was positional asphyxia.

(James Eggleston, Medical Investigator, for John D. Howard, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, Pierce County, Tacoma, WA)

CARBON MONOXIDE POISONINGS

*A male, 78, went to his garage to check on his gasoline-powered generator. The generator was being used to power his furnace after a snow and ice storm interrupted the electrical power to his home. His wife later found him unconscious, and he was taken to a hospital where he died. The cause of death was carbon monoxide poisoning.

(Colleen Brzyski for James J. Woytash, D.D.S., M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, Erie County, Buffalo, NY)

*A female, 66, and a male, 61, were found unresponsive in the bedroom of a home. The gas company investigated and found a squirrel or bird nest blocking the base of the chimney for the home's heating system. The blockage caused carbon monoxide to accumulate in the home. The cause of death was carbon monoxide intoxication.

(Roxanne Fisher for Fredric N. Hellman, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, Delaware County, Lima, PA)

*A male, 91, was found unresponsive in his home when police conducted a health and welfare check. The home was covered in black soot and had the odor of oil about it. Safety officials examined an oil-fired boiler, and found the horizontal section of a vent connecting the boiler to a chimney completely blocked by hardened soot. The home had no carbon monoxide or smoke detectors, and a safety plug had been removed from the boiler. The cause of death was carbon monoxide and soot inhalation.

(Suzanne Webb for Stephen L. Shapiro, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, State of Vermont, Burlington, VT)

DROWNING

* A male, 23 months, was playing in front of his home with his siblings. His parents were gardening nearby. The family lost track of the victim so they began looking for him. The father found him floating face down in the family's in-ground swimming pool. Resuscitative efforts were unsuccessful, and the child died at the hospital. The pool had no protective fence around it. The cause of death was drowning.

(Todd Luckasevic, D.O., Assistant Chief Medical Examiner, Northern Virginia District, Fairfax County, Falls Church, VA)

A male, 2, was in his backyard with his parents. His mother went into the home to change the diaper of an infant, and his father went to the front of the home to speak with someone. He was later found at the bottom of the family's in-ground pool. The cause of death was drowning.

(Richard Kuntz, First Deputy Coroner for Joseph P. Campbell, DPM, Coroner, Bucks County, Doylestown, PA)

A male, 2, was attending a swimming pool party at a neighbor's home. His mother noticed that she hadn't seen him in about 5 minutes so she began looking for him. She found him in the deep end of the pool, and pulled him out. Resuscitation was attempted and the child was taken to the hospital where he died three days later. The cause of death was drowning.

(William E. Hauda II, M.D., Medical Examiner, Northern Virginia District, Fairfax County, Falls Church, VA)

ELECTROCUTIONS

A male, 35, was taking down Christmas lights in the front yard of his parents' home. He was on a ladder that his mother was holding, and she felt a tingling as the Christmas lights touched a utility wire. He was taken to a hospital where he died. The cause of death was electrocution.

(Ray Fernandez, M.D., Chief medical Examiner, Nueces County, Corpus Christi, TX)

A male, 25, was trying to fix an air conditioner in the attic of a friend's home. The man screamed, and his friend found him alive, but he soon stopped breathing. The friend helped resuscitate him until he was taken to a hospital where he died. The cause of death was low voltage electrocution.

(Barbara C. Wolf, M.D., Associate Medical Examiner, District 21, Fort Myers, FL)

A male, 31, was working with a drill in a crawl space under his home while his father helped. The drill heated up, and caught the house on fire. The drill also had pierced an electrical line. The men got out of the space, and retrieved a water hose to put out the fire. The younger man got back under the house but slumped to the ground and became unresponsive as soon as he sprayed water on the fire. The father pulled his son out of the space as emergency responders arrived. Resuscitative measures were started, and the man was taken to a hospital where he died. The cause of death was electrocution.

(Karina Gomez for Frank Sheridan, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, San Bernardino County, San Bernardino, CA)

FIRES

*A female, 79, was in her bedroom in a family care facility that had once been a private residence. The full-time caregiver awoke to a noise in the middle of the night, and saw flames covering the outside of the kitchen window. She evacuated three elderly residents but could not return for the last resident because of smoke. Firefighters found the remaining resident conscious, and removed her. She was taken to a hospital where she died seven days later. The fire started when a gasoline-powered generator caught a chair on fire on a patio outside the facility. The generator was being used for the first time after a wind-related power outage. The cause of death was bacterial pneumonia due to inhalation of toxic products of combustion.

(Richard C. Harruff, M.D., Ph.D., Chief Medical Examiner, King County, Seattle, WA)

*A male and female, both 50, were visiting their son at his apartment. A cooking fire started on an electric stove in another apartment, and they were later found unresponsive near a stairwell after the fire was extinguished. Eighteen others were injured, including six firefighters, and the 160-unit building was declared uninhabitable. The cause of death for both was smoke inhalation and thermal injuries.

(Lakshmanan Sathyavagiswaran, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner Coroner, Los Angeles County, Los Angeles, CA)

A male, 61, was cooking on a hot plate in his home. His flannel pajamas caught fire, and he was burned on 65% of his body. The cause of death was thermal injuries.

(Donald R. Jason, M.D., J.D., Medical Examiner, Forsyth County, Winston-Salem, NC)

MISCELLANEOUS

*A male, 13, was riding a 4-wheel all-terrain vehicle (ATV) while he was visiting his father. He was thrown from the ATV, and struck a tree with his head. He was airlifted to a hospital where he died the next day. The cause of death was craniocerebral injuries.

(Vincent J.M. DiMaio, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, Bexar County, San Antonio, TX)

A male, 1, was not feeling well so his mother took him to a hospital. He was examined and treated but his condition did not improve. His mother took him back to the hospital two days later, and a chest x-ray showed a foreign body in his esophagus. The foreign body was a battery to a car alarm remote control. It was removed but the child died five days later. The cause of death was anoxic encephalopathy.

(Brian Mazrim, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Medical Examiner, King County, Seattle, WA)

— *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.

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.

Children's Bracelets

Product: About 4 million Children's "Groovy Grabber" Bracelets by A&A Global Industries. The recalled bracelets are made of flexible metal bands wrapped in decorative plastic covers. The bracelets come in various colors and designs, including smiley faces, Chinese symbols, dogs, cats, aliens, checker boards, and flames. The bracelets were sold in vending machines located in malls, discount, department and grocery stores nationwide from November 2005 through March 2007 for 25 cents. The Groovy Grabber bracelets were manufactured in China.

Problem: The paint on the metallic band beneath the decorative cover contains high levels of lead. Lead is toxic if ingested by young children and can cause adverse health effects. No incidents or injuries reported.

What to do: Consumers should immediately take the recalled bracelets away from children and discard them. For additional information, contact A&A Global Industries at (800) 638-6000 ext. 314 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at www.aaglobalind.com.

Children's Necklaces and Charm Bracelets

Product: About 900,000 Children's Charm Bracelets and "Sportswear" Necklaces by Cardinal Distributing Co. The recalled necklaces have sports-themed pendants including blue or green basketballs, yellow stars, "01," and "Perfect 10." The pendants hang from a black cord. The bracelets include green or pink painted heart-shaped charms and silver-colored charms shaped as suns, moons, stars, padlocks, keys, rattles, and fishbones. The necklaces and charm bracelets were sold in vending machines located in malls, discount, department and grocery stores nationwide from January 2006 through April 2007 for 25 cents and manufactured in India.

Problem: The paint on this jewelry contains high levels of lead. Lead is toxic if ingested by young children and can cause adverse health effects. No incidents or injuries reported.

What to do: Consumers should immediately take the recalled necklaces and charm bracelets away from children and discard them. For additional information, contact Cardinal Distributing Co. Inc. at (800) 368-2062 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at www.vendingdepot.com.

Children's Clog Shoes

Product: About 690,000 Children's Airwalk® Compel Shoes by Payless ShoeSource, Inc. This recall involves Airwalk® Compel clog shoes sold in prewalk size 3 through toddler size 10. The flexible shoes have air ventilation holes on the top and side and plastic rivets with the Airwalk® logo attached to the strap. Airwalk® and the shoe size are printed on the sole of the shoe. No other sizes, styles or models are included in this recall. The shoes were sold at Payless ShoeSource and Pamida stores nationwide and Payless.com from August 2006 through early April 2007 for about \$13. The shoes were manufactured in China.

Problem: Plastic rivets used to attach the strap to the shoe can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children. Payless has received one report of a child who began to choke on a detached rivet. No injuries have been reported.

What to do: Consumers should take the shoes away from young children immediately and return them to the store where purchased for a refund or exchange. For additional information, call Payless at (800) 654-0697 between 7:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. CT Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Consumers can also visit the firm's Web site at www.payless.com.

Ladders for Above-Ground Pools

Product: About 466,000 "Intex®," "Easy Set®" and "Sand N Sun™" Above-Ground Pool Ladders by Intex Recreation Corp. The recall includes 42-inch, 48-inch, and 52-inch "A" frame pool ladders. The ladders were sold with above-ground pools with the brand names "Intex®," "Easy Set®" and "Sand N Sun™" in the following sizes:

15-foot by 42-inch 15-foot by 48-inch 16-foot by 42-inch
16-foot by 48-inch 18-foot by 48-inch 24-foot by 52-inch

Each leg of the recalled ladder has two pieces joined together with a metal sleeve. The ladders have either three or four blue plastic steps on each side of the "A" that attach to blue plastic support brackets mounted on the legs. The following pool ladders are not included in the recall:

"A" frame ladders with single piece legs

"A" frame ladders with two-piece legs and a 300 lb. weight limit listed on the ladder warning label (sold with pools after February 2007).

The pool ladders were sold at Wal-Mart, Sam's Club, and Target stores nationwide from February 2006 through February 2007. Pools with 52-inch ladders were also sold at other retailers nationwide during this time. Above-ground pool sets that included the ladders sold for between \$150 and \$800 depending on pool size and included accessories. The ladders were manufactured in China.

Problem: The ladder's plastic steps can be assembled backward on the support brackets. If this happens, the ladder steps can break and the user can fall. Intex has received 172 reports of steps breaking during use. There were 127 reports of injuries, including six leg lacerations requiring up to 21 stitches, five reports of bone fractures, two back injuries, two reports of torn ligaments, eight sprained ankles, and other minor injuries.

What to do: Consumers should immediately stop using the ladders and contact Intex to obtain information about how to obtain a free replacement ladder. Consumers should call Intex at (800) 549-8829 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday, or visit www.intexcorp.com.

Infant Car Seat/Carriers

Product: About 450,000 Evenflo Embrace™ Infant Car Seat/Carriers by Evenflo Company Inc. The recall involves Evenflo Embrace™ Infant Car Seat/Carriers made before April 8, 2006. The recalled car seat/carriers have model numbers beginning with 317, 320, 397, 398, 540, 548, 549, 550, 556, 597, 598 or 599. The model number and production date information can be found on a white label on the bottom of the carrier and on the top of the convenience base. Models beginning with "5" are units sold with the travel system (compatible stroller). "Evenflo" is on the carrying handle and car seat base. Embrace™ infant car seat/carriers made on or after April 8, 2006 are not included in this recall. The car seat/carriers were sold at Department and juvenile products stores nationwide. The car seat/carriers were sold from December 2004 through September 2006 for between \$70 and \$100 when sold alone and between \$140 and \$200 when sold with a compatible stroller. The infant car seat/carriers were manufactured in the United States and China.

Problem: When used as an infant carrier, the handle can unexpectedly release, causing the seat to rotate forward. When this happens, an infant inside the carrier can fall to the ground and suffer serious injuries. Evenflo has received 679 reports of the handle on the car seat/carriers unexpectedly releasing, resulting in 160 injuries to children. These reports include a skull fracture, two concussions, cuts, scrapes and bruises.

What to do: Consumers should not use the handle until the repair kit has been installed. The product can continue to be used as a car seat when secured in a vehicle. Contact Evenflo to receive a free repair kit that strengthens the handle latch. Recall notices will be sent to all registered owners of the recalled product. The recalled units should not be returned to the retailer. For additional information, contact Evenflo at (800) 490-7497 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit the recall Web site at www.embracehandle.com.

Metal Key Chains

Product: About 396,000 Metal Key Chains by Dollar General Merchandising, Inc. This recall involves three styles of metal key chains including a flip flop design, dangling charms and a letter. The flip flop charms were sold in purple, yellow and aqua blue and have a flower at the top. Charms on the dangling-style key chain include a cross, flower, shamrock, and a heart that hangs from a short silver chain. The letter-style key chain is a silver metal letter in the English alphabet. The words "KeyChain" and "Dollar General \$1.25" are printed on the front of the packaging for each style. The Key Chains were sold at Dollar General Stores nationwide from December 2005 through January 2007 for \$1.25. The key chains were manufactured in China.

Problem: The key chains contain high levels of lead. Lead is toxic if ingested by young children and can cause adverse health effects. No incidents or injuries reported.

What to do: Consumers should immediately take these key chains away from young children and return them to the store where purchased for a refund or replacement product. For additional information, contact Dollar General Corp. at (800) 678-9258 between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at www.dollargeneral.com.

Circular Saws

Product: About 308,000 Craftsman Circular Saws by Sears. The recall involves a 7-1/4-inch circular saw. The model numbers included are: 172.108550, 172.108560, 172.108650, and 172.108660. The model number is located on the circular saw's upper motor housing. Model numbers 172.108560 and 172.108650 have a gray body housing and a gray blade guard. Model numbers 172.108550 and 172.108660 have a black body housing and a gray blade guard. "Craftsman" is written on the label on the upper blade guard. The Circular Saws were sold at Sears, Kmart, and Orchard Supply Hardware stores nationwide and online through these stores from November 2004 through February 2007 for between \$40 and \$60. The saws were manufactured in China.

Problem: The "Craftsman" logo label located on the upper blade guard can become partially detached and interfere with the proper operation of the lower blade guard, exposing the saw's blade and posing a laceration hazard to consumers. Sears has received two reports of the blade guard catching on the label with one incident resulting in an injury to the user that required 12 stitches.

What to do: Consumers should immediately remove the Craftsman label from the upper blade guard, according to the instructions. Instructions are available online at Sears.com (under the Product Recalls page) or at OSH.com (under the Product Safety page), or by contacting Sears at (800) 659-7026 between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or go to their Web site at www.Sears.com.

Toy Cell Phones

Product: About 300,000 Parents® Magazine Record-A-Voice Toy Cell Phones by Battat Inc. The toy cell phone plays different songs, sound effects and user recorded messages. They were sold in polka dot, swirl, floral and stripe patterns, and the Parents® logo is visible inside the flip-top and on the battery compartment cover. Only items bearing date codes 090106 through 101206 are involved in this recall. The date code can be located on the bottom of the product packaging and in the battery compartment. The toy cell phones were sold by Target stores nationwide from September 2006 to January 2007 for about \$8. The toy phones were manufactured in China.

Problem: The metal pin inside the hinge of the cell phone flip-top can fall out, posing a choking hazard to young children. The firm has received 54 reports of the metal pin falling out of the hinge. In two cases, consumers reported finding the pin inside a child's mouth, with one child receiving a cut in the mouth.

What to do: Consumers should take these toy cell phones away from young children immediately and contact Battat to receive a replacement product or refund. For additional information, call Battat, Inc. at (800) 247-6144 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or e-mail the firm at cellrecall@battatco.com.

Children's Rings

Product: About 300,000 Children's Turquoise Rings by Cardinal Distributing Co. Inc. The silver-colored rings have a round turquoise-colored stone on top. The stone is surrounded by a band of small silver-colored balls. The rings were sold in vending machines located in malls, discount, department and grocery stores in the Baltimore, Maryland area from August 2002 through April 2007 for 25 cents. The children's rings were manufactured in China.

Problem: The recalled rings contain high levels of lead. Lead is toxic if ingested by young children and can cause adverse health effects. No incidents or injuries reported.

What to do: Consumers should immediately take the recalled rings away from children and throw them away. For additional information, call Cardinal Distributing at (800) 368-2062 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at www.vendingdepot.com.

Oil-Filled Electric Heaters

Product: About 300,000 Holmes® Oil-Filled Electric Heaters by the Holmes Group. The recall involves Holmes oil-filled electric heaters with model number HOH2505 and HOH2520. The model number and "Holmes®" are printed on the side of the unit near the bottom. The oil-filled electric heaters were sold at Discount department stores, hardware stores and

other retailers from September 2005 through February 2007 for between \$40 and \$50. The heaters were manufactured in China.

Problem: A poor electrical connection within the heater can lead to overheating. This poses fire and thermal burn hazards. The Holmes Group has received reports of 59 incidents involving the recalled heaters. There were 12 reports of minor injuries including four reported burns. There were 36 reports of property damage including four fires that caused between \$41,000 and \$200,000 in damage.

What to do: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled heaters and contact the Holmes Group to receive a free replacement heater. For additional information, contact The Holmes Group at (800) 306-2471 anytime, or visit the firm's Web site at www.holmesoilfilledheaterrecall.com.

Washing Machines

Product: About 250,000 Maytag-brand units and about 20,000 Samsung-brand units. Maytag and Samsung Brand Front Loading Washing Machines are manufactured by Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd., and distributed by Maytag Corp. and Samsung Electronics America Inc. The recall involves certain Maytag and Samsung brand front-load washers. The Maytag washers have model numbers beginning with MAH9700 or MAH8700. The Samsung washers have model number WF306BHW or a model number beginning with WF316. Not all serial numbers are subject to the recall. The model and serial numbers are located on a tag at the bottom of the door opening. Maytag models with a serial number ending in the last two letters identified below are subject to the recall:

2005 GA GC GE GG GJ GL GN GP GR GT GV GX

2006 JA JC JE JG JJ JL JN

Sample Maytag Serial Number: 10123456GN

Samsung models with the six-digit number 100001 through 799999 prior to a letter at the end of the serial number are subject to the recall:

Sample Samsung Serial Number: 230854AL300026B

The front loading washing machines were sold at major department and appliance stores nationwide from April 2005 through August 2006 for between \$1,000 and \$1,200. The washing machines were manufactured in South Korea.

Problem: Water leakage onto the electrical connections to the washing machine's thermal sensor could cause an electrical short and ignite a circuit board, posing a fire hazard to consumers. Maytag has received five reports of incidents involving ignition in the circuit board. Samsung has received one report of an incident involving ignition in the circuit board. No injuries, fires or property damage outside the washing machine have been reported.

What to do: Consumers should immediately contact the firm for information on how to receive a free repair. Consumers should not return the washing machine to the retailer where it was purchased. For more information, consumers can call Maytag toll-free at (800) 868-5109 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or go to Maytag's Web site at www.washerrecall.com - Samsung customers can call (800) 515-7902 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or go to Samsung's Web site at www.Samsung.com/washerrecall. Maytag Media Contact: Monica Teague, (269) 923-7405 or monica.teague@Whirlpool.com - Samsung Media Contact: Deborah Szajngarten at (201) 229-4090 or dszajngarten@sea.samsung.com.

Children's Capri Pants

Product: About 228,000 Little Girls Capri Pants with Snap Roll Cuff by Mervyns. The recalled pants are Ellemenno brand Capri pants sold in girls' sizes 4, 5, 6, 6X, 7 and 8. The pants were sold in a variety of colors including light grey, tan, coral and light aqua blue. The pants are made of 100% cotton poplin and have a snap at the cuff, the waist band and on the pockets of the pants. Inside of the waistband are two clear buttons and a strip of enclosed elastic for adjusting the fit of the pants. "VN 69047" is printed on the product care label located inside the waist of the pants. The Capri pants were sold exclusively at Mervyns stores nationwide from December 2006 through April 2007 for about \$20. The pants were manufactured in Bangladesh.

Problem: The buttons inside the waistband of the pants can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children. No incidents or injuries reported.

What to do: Consumers should immediately stop their children from wearing the pants and return them to any Mervyns store for a refund. For additional information, contact Mervyns at (800) 637-8967 (800mervyns) between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday or visit the company's Web site at www.mervyns.com.

Don't miss a single issue of the quarterly *Consumer Product Safety Review* at www.cpsc.gov.
To subscribe, go to <http://bookstore.gpo.gov> or complete the subscription form below.



United States Government
Information

Order Processing Code: *5822

Credit card orders are welcome!
Fax your orders (202) 512-2250
Phone your orders (202) 512-1800

YES, please send ____ subscriptions to:

Consumer Product Safety Review (SAFRE) at \$18.00 a year (\$25.20 foreign).

The total cost of my order is \$ _____.
Price includes regular shipping & handling and is subject to change.

Company or personal name (Please print or type)

Additional address/attention line

Street address

City, State, Zip code

Daytime phone including area code

Purchase order number (optional)

For privacy protection, check box below:

Do not make my name available to other mailers

Check method of payment:

Check payable to: Superintendent of Documents

GPO Deposit Account -

VISA Mastercard

Expiration date

Authorizing signature

5/96

Mail to:
Superintendent of Documents
P.O. Box 371954
Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954

Important: Please include this completed order form with your remittance.

Thank you for your order!



Consumer Product Safety Review is published quarterly by the
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
Washington, DC 20207

For paid subscription inquiries, contact:
Superintendent of Documents
<http://bookstore.gpo.gov>

For editorial correspondence and other inquiries, contact:
Ed Kang, CPSC
Email: ekang@cpsc.gov Fax: 301-504-0407

To report consumer product-related injuries or for information on product safety, including recalls, contact CPSC by:

Toll-free Hotline: 1-800-638-2772

World Wide Web: <http://www.cpsc.gov>

E-mail address: info@cpsc.gov

TTY for hearing and speech-impaired: 1-800-638-8270

Fax-on-demand service: call 301-504-0051 from the handset of a fax machine

U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20207

OFFICIAL BUSINESS
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE, \$300
An Equal Opportunity Employer