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Portable Generators

In 2005, at least 55 people died of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning associated with portable generators, according to reports received at the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission as of December 31, 2005.

More than half of these deaths occurred in the aftermath of last year's four major hurricanes. The U.S. is currently in another hurricane season through November 30.

The exhaust of engine-driven generators contains poisonous CO. One running portable generator can produce as much CO as hundreds of idling cars. While low to moderate CO poisoning typically causes headaches, fatigue, and

nausea, exposure to extremely high CO levels in generator exhaust can quickly cause symptoms of disorientation, confusion, loss of consciousness, and ultimately death.

To alert consumers to the CO poisoning hazard associated with portable generators, CPSC developed a new warning label for these products *(Figure 1).* The label emphasizes that using portable generators indoors will lead rapidly to death. A DANGER Using a generator indoors WILL KILL YOU IN MINUTES. Exhaust contains carbon reproduced, a poison gas you cannot see or smell. NEVER use in the home or is partly enclosed areas such as garages.

Figure 1: New warning label

Underwriters Laboratories (UL) also has adopted the same label in its new procedures for certifying portable generators. Any manufacturer that wants the UL certification must place the new warning label on its generators. In addition, to be certified by UL, generators must have ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) to help prevent electrocution.

Following the safety advice below can help prevent CO poisoning.

Never use a portable generator indoors, including in the home, garage, basement, crawl space, shed, or any partially-enclosed area – even with ventilation.

Because of the extremely high CO levels present in generator exhaust, opening doors and windows or using fans will not prevent CO build-up in the home.

Only use a portable generator outdoors in a dry area far away from doors, windows, air conditioning units, and youts that can allow (To detect CO, every home should have a CO alarm in the hallway to the bedrooms in each sleeping area.

- conditioning units, and vents that can allow CO to come indoors.
 Install battery-operated CO alarms or plug-in CO alarms with battery backup in your home. Test the alarms frequently and replace dead batteries.
- Plug appliances into heavy-duty, outdoor-rated extension cords before plugging the extension cords into the generator.

Because the CO from generators can rapidly lead to full incapacitation and death, get to fresh air right away if you start to feel dizzy or weak.

— Janet Buyer, Directorate for Engineering Sciences

NEISS Data Highlights – 2005

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 2005 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).

	Estimated		Number			of Injuries ar and Territorie							the
Product Groupings	Number of Injuries*	CV*	of Injuries*	Age							ex	Disposition	
			injunes	All Ages	0-4	5-14	15-24	25-64	65+	Male	Female	Treated & Rel.	Hosp. & DOA
Child Nursery Equipment													
All Nursery Equipment	77,245	.09	2,901	77,245	60,482	2,490	3,936	8,932	1,406	37,452	39,787	74,357	2,872
				26.1	297.9	6.2	9.4	5.7	3.8	25.7	26.5	25.1	1.0
Toys													
All Toys	196,052	.07	6,495	196,052	72,678	77,323	15,451	27,231	3,369	114,779	81,274	192,139	3,914
				66.1	358.0	191.4	36.7	17.4	9.2	78.6	54.0	64.8	1.3
Sports & Recreational Equipment													
ATV's, Mopeds, Minibikes, etc.	250,553	.08	5,957	250,553	4,080	65,043	82,644	93,322	5,465	192,044	58,426	220,686	29,851
				84.5	20.1	161.0	196.4	59.5	14.9	131.5	38.8	74.5	10.1
Amusement Attractions (incl. Rides)	22,468	.11	746	22,468	2,122	9,858	3,763	6,626	99	10,460	12,008	21,872	596
				7.6	10.5	24.4	8.9	4.2	0.3	7.2	8.0	7.4	0.2
Barbecue Grills, Stoves, Equipment	15,983	.08	472	15,983	3,413	1,859	1,944	8,082	684	10,346	5,637	15,104	878
	0/0 500			5.4	16.8	4.6	4.6	5.2	1.9	7.1	3.7	5.1	0.3
Baseball, Softball	262,529	.07	7,026	262,529	5,508	103,570	78,196	73,793	1,462	175,159	87,294	257,801	4,728
	540.040		45 575	88.6	27.1	256.4	185.8	47.0	4.0	120.0	58.0	87.0	1.6
Basketball	512,213	.06	15,575	512,213	2,107	178,597	231,203	99,498	808	405,636	106,502	507,010	5,113
	47.055	10		172.8	10.4	442.1	549.5	63.4	2.2	277.8	70.8	171.1	1.7
Beach, Picnic, Camping Equipment	17,855	.10	445	17,855	2,531	3,476	2,019	8,101	1,728	8,245	9,610	17,239	616
Diaulas & Assessarias	404 712	.08	15 010	6.0	12.5	8.6	4.8	5.2	4.7	5.6	6.4	5.8	0.2
Bicycles & Accessories	494,712	.08	15,018	494,712 166.9	26,547 130.7	235,776 583.6	81,265 193.1	137,713 <i>87.8</i>	13,319 36.2	356,465 244.2	138,232 91.9	466,266	28,446 9.6
Boxing	12,238	.09	343	12,238	28	1,506	6,416	4,288	0	10,792	1,446	12,103	135
Doxing	12,230	.07	J4J	4.1	0.1	3.7	15.2	2.7	0.0	7.4	1,440	4.1	0.0
Exercise, Exercise Equipment	243,751	.09	7,013	243,751	8,480	37,043	58,639	120,874	18,715	138,424	105,327	235,231	8,460
	243,731	.07	7,013	82.2	41.8	91.7	139.4	77.1	50.9	94.8	70.0	79.4	2.9
Football	418,260	.06	13,157	418,260	1,232	200,615	175,500	40,572	341	392,582	25,520	410,559	7,612
	110,200	100	10,107	141.1	6.1	496.6	417.1	25.9	0.9	268.9	17.0	138.5	2.6
Hockey	61,188	.22	1,590	61,188	353	20,079	28,521	12,144	91	50,718	10,470	60,432	755
,				20.6	1.7	49.7	67.8	7.7	0.2	34.7	7.0	20.4	0.3
Horseback Riding	73,576	.10	1,818	73,576	920	14,892	13,821	42,117	1,759	27,139	46,437	63,126	10,449
				24.8	4.5	36.9	32.8	26.9	4.8	18.6	30.9	21.3	3.5
In-line Skating	26,935	.13	786	26,935	274	15,264	5,532	5,509	355	13,111	13,824	26,228	707
				9.1	1.4	37.8	13.1	3.5	1.0	9.0	9.2	8.8	0.2

* See page 6 for explanation.

	Estimated		Number		opulation in partments*	the							
Product Groupings	Number of Injuries*	CV*	of Injuries*	Age							ex.	Disposition	
	njunes		Injunes	All Ages	0-4	5-14	15-24	25-64	65+	Male	Female	Treated & Rel.	Hosp. & DOA
Lacrosse, Rugby, Misc. Ball Games	76,815	.10	2,267	76,815	1,881	36,389	26,303	11,557	684	53,492	23,323	75,469	1,346
				25.9	9.3	90.1	62.5	7.4	1.9	36.6	15.5	25.5	0.5
Nonpowder Guns, BB'S, Pellets	23,862	.08	689	23,862	1,138	10,858	7,367	4,300	199	20,850	2,996	21,835	2,027
				8.1	5.6	26.9	17.5	2.7	0.5	14.3	2.0	7.4	0.7
Playground Equipment	218,506	.08	7,819	218,506	56,554	146,059	7,733	7,463	682	116,854	101,576	206,838	11,663
				73.7	278.5	361.6	18.4	4.8	1.9	80.0	67.5	69.8	3.9
Racquet Sports	29,181	.14	783	29,181	184	3,638	6,663	15,331	3,296	17,237	11,944	28,549	632
				9.8	0.9	9.0	15.8	9.8	9.0	11.8	7.9	9.6	0.2
Skateboards	112,544	.12	2,968	112,544	1,258	59,814	42,436	8,939	98	100,506	12,038	109,169	3,375
				38.0	6.2	148.1	100.9	5.7	0.3	68.8	8.0	36.8	1.1
Skating (excl. In-line)	64,361	.09	2,062	64,361	779	37,376	9,417	16,082	707	23,128	41,227	62,866	1,495
				21.7	3.8	92.5	22.4	10.3	1.9	15.8	27.4	21.2	0.5
Snowmobiles	12,586	.25	213	12,586	82	665	3,704	8,028	107	9,904	2,682	11,178	1,407
				4.2	0.4	1.6	8.8	5.1	0.3	6.8	1.8	3.8	0.5
Snowskiing, Snowboarding	106,651	.32	2,358	106,651	771	28,897	41,109	34,237	1,638	74,268	32,315	101,450	5,202
				36.0	3.8	71.5	97.7	21.8	4.5	50.9	21.5	34.2	1.8
Soccer	174,686	.12	5,285	174,686	884	76,951	69,014	27,438	400	102,990	71,696	171,989	2,698
				58.9	4.4	190.5	164.0	17.5	1.1	70.5	47.7	58.0	0.9
Swimming, Pools, Equipment	150,553	.18	4,275	150,553	13,183	66,228	27,337	40,641	3,166	83,024	67,529	144,580	5,973
				50.8	64.9	163.9	65.0	25.9	8.6	56.9	44.9	48.8	2.0
Toboggans, Sleds, Snow Discs, etc.	37,087	.16	890	37,087	1,252	20,269	8,168	7,319	80	19,849	17,239	35,339	1,748
				12.5	6.2	50.2	19.4	4.7	0.2	13.6	11.5	11.9	0.6
Track & Field Activities, Equipment	17,306	.11	560	17,306	0	7,262	9,339	704	0	8,654	8,651	16,700	605
				5.8	0.0	18.0	22.2	0.4	0.0	5.9	5.8	5.6	0.2
Trampolines	108,029	.08	3,330	108,029	14,207	72,145	13,992	7,576	42	55,683	52,279	104,432	3,537
				36.4	70.0	178.6	33.3	4.8	0.1	38.1	34.8	35.2	1.2
Volleyball	52,091	.10	1,360	52,091	60	15,163	21,896	14,700	271	19,362	32,729	51,634	457
				17.6	0.3	37.5	52.0	9.4	0.7	13.3	21.8	17.4	0.2
Home Comm'n & Entertainment													
Sound Recording Equipment	41,466	.06	1,110	41,466	7,295	4,645	7,511	15,229	6,786	18,848	22,534	38,882	2,583
				14.0	35.9	11.5	17.9	9.7	18.4	12.9	15.0	13.1	0.9
Television Sets & Stands	58,308	.07	1,727	58,308	14,029	8,378	6,681	23,758	5,462	33,604	24,704	55,947	2,360
				19.7	69.1	20.7	15.9	15.1	14.8	23.0	16.4	18.9	0.8
Personal Use Items													
Cigarettes, Lighters, Fuel	17,234	.09	491	17,234	3,380	1,758	3,441	7,085	1,570	11,397	5,837	15,090	2,144
				5.8	16.6	4.4	8.2	4.5	4.3	7.8	3.9	5.1	0.7
Clothing	195,781	.08	5,545	195,781	12,080	27,139	31,987	88,813	35,762	82,097	113,616	182,542	13,179
				66.1	59.5	67.2	76.0	56.6	97.2	56.2	75.5	61.6	4.4
Drug Poisonings to Children under 5	62,797	.13	2,254	62,797	62,781	0	0	0	0	33,272	29,525	53,903	8,888
				21.2	309.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.8	19.6	18.2	3.0

* See page 6 for explanation.

	Estimated		Number	Estimated Number of Injuries and Estimated Rate of Product-Related Injuries per 100,000 Population in the United States and Territories (listed in italic) that were treated in Hospital Emergency Departments*										
Product Groupings	Number of Numinium	CV*	of Injuries*	Age							х	Disposition		
	njunes		Injunes	All Ages	0-4	5-14	15-24	25-64	65+	Male	Female	Treated & Rel.	Hosp. & DOA	
Grooming Devices	30,829	.08	985	30,829	10,692	3,372	4,154	9,231	3,379	10,411	20,418	30,258	57	
				10.4	52.7	8.3	9.9	5.9	9.2	7.1	13.6	10.2	0.2	
Razors, Shavers, Razor Blades	34,884	.08	886	34,884	2,869	2,639	6,866	18,874	3,570	22,097	12,787	34,416	468	
				11.8	14.1	6.5	16.3	12.0	9.7	15.1	8.5	11.6	0.2	
Household Containers														
Cans, Other Containers	250,943	.06	7,043	250,943	26,699	25,211	39,436	135,308	24,290	117,012	133,931	244,070	6,873	
	41.001	10	1 104	84.7	131.5	62.4	93.7	86.3	66.0	80.1	89.0	82.3	2.	
Glass Bottles, Jars	41,021	.10	1,124	41,021 <i>13.8</i>	3,361 <i>16.6</i>	5,935 14.7	10,817 25.7	19,140 <i>12.2</i>	1,768 4.8	24,375 16.7	16,646 11.1	39,748 13.4	1,272 0	
Yard & Garden Equipment				15.0	10.0	14.7	25.7	12.2	4.0	10.7	11.1	15.4	0.4	
Chain Saws	26,939	.10	560	26,939	137	504	3,338	19,471	3,489	25,171	1,768	25,607	1,333	
				9.1	0.7	1.2	7.9	12.4	9.5	17.2	1.2	8.6	0.4	
Hand Garden Tools	48,822	.11	1,159	48,822	1,802	4,931	4,544	29,097	8,448	31,381	17,441	46,932	1,890	
				16.5	8.9	12.2	10.8	18.6	23.0	21.5	11.6	15.8	0.0	
Hatchets, Axes	10,202	.14	224	10,202	27	1,588	1,494	6,563	530	8,577	1,625	10,043	158	
				3.4	0.1	3.9	3.6	4.2	1.4	5.9	1.1	3.4	0.1	
Lawn & Garden Equipment	73,611	.09	1,800	73,611	3,631	8,224	7,205	38,595	15,956	43,485	30,126	69,476	4,135	
				24.8	17.9	20.4	17.1	24.6	43.4	29.8	20.0	23.4	1.4	
Lawn Mowers	84,316	.10	1,936	84,316	1,906	3,458	8,773	56,907	13,271	63,163	21,153	79,717	4,598	
				28.4	9.4	8.6	20.9	36.3	36.1	43.3	14.1	26.9	1.0	
Other Power Lawn Equipment	17,185	.12	367	17,185	354	1,263	1,797	9,861	3,911	14,254	2,931	15,576	1,609	
				5.8	1.7	3.1	4.3	6.3	10.6	9.8	1.9	5.3	0.5	
Trimmers, Small Power Garden Tools	14,598	.12	315	14,598	6	432	1,447	10,634	2,080	10,195	4,403	14,127	411	
Home Workshop Equipment				4.9	0.0	1.1	3.4	6.8	5.7	7.0	2.9	4.8	0.1	
Home Workshop Equipment Hoists, Lifts, Jacks, etc.	13,856	.10	317	13,856	355	787	3,219	8,019	1,475	11,516	2,340	13,156	700	
1033, LI13, Jacks, etc.	13,030	.10	517	4.7	1.7	1.9	7.7	5.1	4.0	7.9	1.6	4.4	0.2	
Power Home Tools (excl. Saws)	23,091	.11	490	23,091	215	725	3,560	15,424	3,167	19,897	3,178	22,569	522	
				7.8	1.1	1.8	8.5	9.8	8.6	13.6	2.1	7.6	0.2	
Power Home Workshop Saws	92,547	.07	2,149	92,547	138	1,460	10,008	63,307	17,633	87,314	5,233	87,011	5,467	
				31.2	0.7	3.6	23.8	40.4	47.9	59.8	3.5	29.4	1.8	
Welding, Soldering, Cutting Tools	19,077	.12	413	19,077	172	345	6,134	12,008	418	18,738	339	18,616	461	
				6.4	0.8	0.9	14.6	7.7	1.1	12.8	0.2	6.3	0.2	
Wires, Cords, Not Specified	12,458	.09	314	12,458	388	1,736	2,014	7,267	1,054	9,021	3,437	12,066	392	
				4.2	1.9	4.3	4.8	4.6	2.9	6.2	2.3	4.1	0.1	
Workshop Manual Tools	121,676	.08	2,818	121,676	3,011	6,162	20,588	83,510	8,405	103,507	18,154	119,716	1,960	
				41.0	14.8	15.3	48.9	53.2	22.8	70.9	12.1	40.4	0.7	
Home Maintenance														
Cleaning Agents (excl. Soaps)	36,037	.08	1,069	36,037	10,294	2,673	3,994	16,653	2,423	16,010	20,027	34,200	1,837	
				12.2	50.7	6.6	9.5	10.6	6.6	11.0	13.3	11.5	0.6	

* See page 6 for explanation.

	Estimated	Estimated Number of Injuries and Estimated Rate of Product-Related United States and Territories (listed in italic) that were treated in Estimated Number											
Product Groupings	Number of Injuries*	CV*	of Injuries*	Age						Se	x	Disposition	
	injunes		injunes	All Ages	0-4	5-14	15-24	25-64	65+	Male	Female	Treated & Rel.	Hosp. & DOA
Cleaning Equip., Non-caustic Deterg.	32,185	.07	943	32,185	2,929	3,971	3,543	17,322	4,421	14,438	17,747	31,058	1,128
				10.9	14.4	9.8	8.4	11.0	12.0	9.9	11.8	10.5	0.4
Paints, Solvents, Lubricants	20,431	.12	547	20,431	2,138	1,017	2,150	13,071	2,054	12,669	7,761	19,025	1,406
				6.9	10.5	2.5	5.1	8.3	5.6	8.7	5.2	6.4	0.5
Soaps, Detergents	24,231	.13	759	24,231 <i>8.2</i>	4,556 22.4	2,862 7.1	4,726 11.2	10,410 6.6	1,678 4.6	10,398 7.1	13,834 <i>9.2</i>	23,666 <i>8.0</i>	566 <i>0.2</i>
General Household Appliances													
Cooking Ranges, Ovens, etc.	43,602	.07	1,299	43,602	8,822	4,566	5,457	18,616	6,141	19,159	24,443	40,622	2,981
				14.7	43.5	11.3	13.0	11.9	16.7	13.1	16.3	13.7	1.0
Irons, Clothes Steamers (not Toys)	11,275	.10	508	11,275	6,655	1,579	918	1,902	221	5,208	6,067	11,092	183
				3.8	32.8	3.9	2.2	1.2	0.6	3.6	4.0	3.7	0.1
Refrigerators, Freezers	37,439	.08	945	37,439	2,070	3,114	5,820	20,454	5,981	21,682	15,756	35,986	1,453
				12.6	10.2	7.7	13.8	13.0	16.3	14.9	10.5	12.1	0.5
Small Kitchen Appliances	30,878	.08	831	30,878	1,960	1,936	3,958	19,692	3,332	11,856	19,023	30,083	795
				10.4	9.7	4.8	9.4	12.6	9.1	8.1	12.6	10.1	0.3
Washers, Dryers	18,600	.10	451	18,600	1,146	1,210	2,376	11,546	2,322	9,757	8,843	17,796	804
				6.3	5.6	3.0	5.6	7.4	6.3	6.7	5.9	6.0	0.3
Heating, Cooling, Vent. Equip.													
Air Conditioners	11,992	.11	358	11,992	413	1,033	1,643	7,986	917	8,203	3,774	11,748	244
	44.500			4.0	2.0	2.6	3.9	5.1	2.5	5.6	2.5	4.0	0.1
Chimneys, Fireplaces	16,589	.11	540	16,589	8,898	1,719	1,340	3,461	1,171	9,566	7,023	16,223	366
Free (and Chara Falsant Free)	1/ 500	00	400	5.6	43.8	4.3	3.2	2.2	3.2	6.6	4.7	5.5	0.1
Fans (excl. Stove Exhaust Fans)	16,500	.09	433	16,500 5.6	1,528 7.5	2,818 7.0	1,917	7,629	2,609	9,120 <i>6.2</i>	7,380 4.9	16,003 5.4	497 0.2
Heating & Plumbing Pipes	36,596	.09	1,004	36,596	4,332	6,398	4.6 4,929	4.9	7.1 2,726	0.2 25,863	4.9	5.4 35,946	650
riedung & Funition Pries	50,570	.07	1,004	12.3	21.3	15.8	11.7	11.6	7.4	23,003	7.1	12.1	0.2
Heating Stoves, Space Heaters	18,856	.10	482	18,856	5,242	2,407	1,206	7,494	2,492	10,631	8,225	17,251	1,546
Housing cloves, space houses	10,000		102	6.4	25.8	6.0	2.9	4.8	6.8	7.3	5.5	5.8	0.5
Home Furnishings & Fixtures													
Bathroom Structures & Fixtures	293,432	.07	8,107	293,432	32,509	22,412	27,880	126,636	83,995	121,252	172,180	266,880	26,552
				99.0	160.1	55.5	66.3	80.7	228.3	83.0	114.5	90.0	9.0
Beds, Mattresses, Pillows	531,280	.06	16,259	531,280	153,412	71,346	35,803	118,931	151,772	238,743	292,538	478,448	52,772
				179.2	755.6	176.6	85.1	75.8	412.5	163.5	194.5	161.4	17.8
Carpets, Rugs	119,572	.10	3,380	119,572	17,229	7,092	6,401	39,234	49,615	39,834	79,737	103,662	15,722
				40.3	84.9	17.6	15.2	25.0	134.9	27.3	53.0	35.0	5.3
Chairs, Sofas, Sofa Beds	453,424	.06	13,495	453,424	120,221	57,696	34,499	134,922	106,069	201,422	251,799	419,387	33,970
				153.0	592.1	142.8	82.0	86.0	288.3	138.0	167.4	141.5	11.5
Desks, Cabinets, Shelves, Racks	239,850	.06	7,041	239,850	50,592	41,084	24,935	88,313	34,911	115,712	124,132	231,898	7,952
				80.9	249.2	101.7	59.3	56.3	94.9	79.3	82.5	78.2	2.7
Electric Fixt., Lamps, Equip.	49,567	.06	1,419	49,567	7,238	6,424	7,209	21,551	7,145	27,077	22,490	47,137	2,430
				16.7	35.7	15.9	17.1	13.7	19.4	18.5	15.0	15.9	0.8

 * See page 6 for explanation.

Estimated Number of Injuries and Estimated Rate of Product-Related Injur United States and Territories (listed in italic) that were treated in Hosp									the				
Product Groupings	Estimated Number of	CV*	Number of			A		Se	x	Disposition			
	Injuries*		Injuries*	All Ages	0-4	5-14	15-24	25-64	65+	Male	Female	Treated & Rel.	Hosp. & DOA
Holiday, Party Supplies	14,508	.12	389	14,508	2,916	1,627	1,150	7,135	1,679	6,787	7,721	14,029	480
				4.9	14.4	4.0	2.7	4.5	4.6	4.6	5.1	4.7	0.2
Ladders, Stools	226,709	.08	5,934	226,709	12,547	10,388	15,741	149,025	38,993	153,482	73,227	206,085	20,564
				76.5	61.8	25.7	37.4	95.0	106.0	105.1	48.7	69.5	6.9
Mirrors, Mirror Glass	22,668	.07	700	22,668	2,544	3,850	6,061	9,562	650	11,935	10,733	22,429	239
				7.6	12.5	9.5	14.4	6.1	1.8	8.2	7.1	7.6	0.1
Misc. Household Covers, Fabrics	20,891	.09	575	20,891	1,651	1,283	1,927	9,995	6,034	6,354	14,537	19,461	1,430
				7.0	8.1	3.2	4.6	6.4	16.4	4.4	9.7	6.6	0.5
Other Misc. Furniture & Accessories	110,460	.08	3,000	110,460	7,409	4,535	13,733	75,417	9,367	55,209	55,235	108,303	2,097
				37.3	36.5	11.2	32.6	48.1	25.5	37.8	36.7	36.5	0.7
Tables, not elsewhere classified	298,949	.06	9,311	298,949	116,146	43,184	22,632	75,575	41,411	155,732	143,143	288,694	10,255
				100.9	572.0	106.9	53.8	48.2	112.6	106.7	95.2	97.4	3.5
Home Structures & Const. Mat.													
Cabinet/Door Hardware	17,869	.09	506	17,869	3,838	2,995	2,108	6,255	2,673	9,529	8,339	17,344	525
				6.0	18.9	7.4	5.0	4.0	7.3	6.5	5.5	5.9	0.2
Fences	109,610	.07	3,194	109,610	6,513	31,574	24,436	39,874	7,197	74,669	34,942	104,793	4,817
				37.0	32.1	78.2	58.1	25.4	19.6	51.1	23.2	35.4	1.6
Glass Doors, Windows, Panels	158,587	.07	4,581	158,587	11,332	24,312	52,787	62,071	8,070	99,064	59,523	150,245	8,343
				53.5	55.8	60.2	125.5	39.6	21.9	67.9	39.6	50.7	2.8
Handrails, Railings, Banisters	39,247	.08	1,311	39,247	4,303	7,394	5,927	15,762	5,860	21,260	17,986	37,205	2,041
				13.2	21.2	18.3	14.1	10.0	15.9	14.6	12.0	12.6	0.7
Non-glass Doors, Panels	323,477	.07	9,896	323,477	61,043	67,631	51,392	107,907	35,505	159,597	163,874	315,484	7,978
				109.1	300.6	167.4	122.1	68.8	96.5	109.3	109.0	106.4	2.7
Outside Attached Struct. & Mat.	19,695	.15	470	19,695	696	1,553	2,070	12,336	3,039	14,795	4,899	17,951	1,744
				6.6	3.4	3.8	4.9	7.9	8.3	10.1	3.3	6.1	0.6
Stairs, Ramps, Landings, Floors	2,213,829	.07	61,953	2,213,829	261,519	193,512	237,973	920,001	600,708	821,504	1,391,829	1,953,988	259,564
				746.9	1288.0	479.0	565.6	586.6	1632.8	562.7	925.4	659.2	87.6
Window, Door Sills, Frames	58,270	.10	1,585	58,270	12,780	9,457	6,039	18,139	11,855	27,715	30,479	56,203	2,067
				19.7	62.9	23.4	14.4	11.6	32.2	19.0	20.3	19.0	0.7
Miscellaneous Products													
Dollies, Carts	45,268	.09	1,463	45,268	21,716	4,785	2,367	10,821	5,580	20,377	24,884	43,536	1,732
				15.3	107.0	11.8	5.6	6.9	15.2	14.0	16.5	14.7	0.6
Elevators, Other Lifts	19,343	.21	767	19,343	2,040	1,305	1,425	7,993	6,580	7,412	11,930	17,855	1,488
				6.5	10.0	3.2	3.4	5.1	17.9	5.1	7.9	6.0	0.5
Fireworks, Flares	10,880	.11	333	10,880	1,372	3,640	2,681	3,035	152	7,826	3,054	10,080	800
				3.7	6.8	9.0	6.4	1.9	0.4	5.4	2.0	3.4	0.3
Gasoline, Diesel Fuels	13,481	.10	354	13,481	1,387	1,405	3,272	6,202	1,214	11,086	2,395	10,753	2,728
				4.5	6.8	3.5	7.8	4.0	3.3	7.6	1.6	3.6	0.9

*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, 2005 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					
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NAME OF VICTIM (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)					
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DESCRIBE THE INCIDENT OR HAZARD, INCLUDI	NG DESCRIPTION	of injuries			
VICTIM'S AGE	SEX		DATE OF INCIDENT		
DESCRIBE PRODUCT INVOLVED					
PRODUCT BRAND NAME/MANUFACTURER					
IS PRODUCT INVOLVED STILL AVAILABLE?	□ YES		PRODUCT MODEL AND SERIAL NUM	MBER	
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.



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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@cspc.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 also are 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.

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During the months of September, October, and November of 2005, 1,202 MECAP cases were reported to CPSC. Included here are samples of cases to illustrate the type and nature of the reported incidents.

ASPHYXIATIONS/SUFFOCATIONS

*A female, 6 months, was placed to sleep for the night in a crib purchased at a garage sale. The next morning, her father found the infant with her head trapped between the crib's side rail and headboard. The side rail had separated from the crib, creating the gap where the infant was found. The cause of death was asphysiation.** (Tom Shimp, Investigator for Stephen J. Cina, M.D., Coroner/Medical Examiner, Weld County, Greeley, CO)

*A male, 2, and his twin sister were playing with small balloons. The boy started choking and gagging, and fell to the floor. The father, suspecting that his son had swallowed a balloon, used the Heimlich maneuver and back blows to remove the balloon. Unsuccessful, the father called 911, and emergency medical service personnel arrived to find the boy unresponsive. He later died at a hospital. The cause of death was asphyxia due to aspiration of foreign body. (Philip E. Keen, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, Maricopa County, Phoenix, AZ)

*A male, 6, was playing with a toy dart gun set that he had received for his birthday. The darts had suction cups on the end. The boy put a dart in his mouth, and it got stuck in his throat. He and his father tried unsuccessfully to remove it. Emergency medical service personnel used forceps to remove the dart on the way to the hospital. The boy was in a coma and died three days later. The cause of death was anoxic encephalopathy due to aspiration of foreign object. (James Taylor for Leah L. E. Bush, M.D., Assistant Chief Medical Examiner, Tidewater District, Norfolk, VA)

A female, 3 months, was dropped off at her babysitter's home with her 2year-old brother. The infant was fed and then placed in a car seat for a nap. The babysitter later found the infant covered by a blanket next to her head. The baby was not breathing, and the babysitter tried to resuscitate her until police arrived and took over. The cause of death was suffocation.

(Mary E. Case, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, St. Louis County, St. Louis, MO)

A female, 7 months, was placed in the top bunk of a bunk bed at bedtime. The next morning, her sister found the baby hanging from the top bunk, with her head between the railing and mattress. The cause of death was mechanical suffocation.

(Keith Lehman, M.D., Medical Examiner, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, for Sara Smith, Deputy Coroner, Chatham County, Savannah, GA)

CARBON MONOXIDE POISONINGS

*A female, 43, and a male, 64, were found unresponsive in their apartment in a relative's home. The man had just purchased a gasoline-powered generator to replace electrical power lost because of a hurricane. The generator was placed in an adjacent laundry room with its door open for ventilation. The cause of both deaths was carbon monoxide poisoning.

(Rita A. Reik, M.D., Assistant Medical Examiner, and Reinhard Motte, M.D., Associate Medical Examiner, District 17, Broward County, Fort Lauderdale, FL)

A male, 55, was found next to a snow blower in his garage. The snow blower was turned on but was not running. The cause of death was acute carbon monoxide poisoning. (Colleen Brzyski for James J. Woytash, D.D.S., M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, Erie County, Buffalo, NY)

DROWNINGS

*A female, 7 months, was placed in a bathtub seat in a bathtub in her home. Her father sat with her for about 15 minutes and then left to check on a running faucet in the kitchen. When he returned to the bathroom with his wife, they found the child floating face down in the bathtub with the bathtub seat partially on top of her. They had bought the bathtub seat about a week before and had removed a support brace because it did not fit the design of their bathtub. The cause of death was drowning.

(David Bowerman, M.D., Coroner, El Paso County, Colorado Springs, CO)

*A male, 3, was at home with his parents, sister, and cousin. The family had recently installed an in-ground swimming pool, and its protective fence was almost completed. The boy was playing around the house, and each parent believed that the other parent was watching the child. The child was found at the bottom of the deep end of the pool. The cause of death was drowning.

(Richard Tooker, M.D., M.P.H., Chief Medical Examiner, Kalamazoo County, Kalamazoo, MI)

*A female, 2, was at a friend's home for a holiday backyard barbeque party. The child was playing in an inground swimming pool and an adjacent in-ground hot tub. Two 12-year-old girls were watching her. One of the girls put an inflatable ring around the 2-year-old and placed her in the hot tub. About 15 minutes later, they discovered the child floating face down in the hot tub with the inflatable ring next to her. The child died the next day. The cause of death was sequelae of near drowning. (Ogbonna Chinwah, M.D., Deputy Medical Examiner, Department of Coroner, Los Angeles County, Los Angeles, CA)

ELECTROCUTIONS

Four males, 42, 49, 57 and 58, were resetting a large tent pole at a camp. Several support straps on the pole gave way. As the pole started to lean, the four men tried to stop it. The pole struck a high voltage power line. The cause of all four deaths was electrocution.

(Frederick A. Phillips, M.D., Medical Examiner, Central District, Fredericksburg, VA)

A male, 31, was trimming branches for a friend. He moved an aluminum ladder, and it touched a live power line. The cause of death was electrocution.

(Linda Cummings for Laura S. Hair, M.D., Associate Medical Examiner, District 12, Sarasota, FL)

A male, 40, was in his swimming pool repairing a leak caused by a cracked light fixture. The man suddenly screamed and went under the water. Neighbors responded to his screams for help. In their initial attempt to remove the man from the pool, they received electric shocks. They then turned off the power to remove him. The cause of death was electrocution.

(Julia de la Garza-Jordan, M.D., Associate Medical Examiner, District 11, Miami-Dade County, Miami, FL)

FIRES

*Three males, 6, 2, and 2, were in their home along with four other family members. A fire broke out in an overloaded outlet, and the three boys were either unable to escape or could not be rescued. A space heater, lamp, television, and DVD player were plugged into the outlet. The circuit breaker for the outlet had tripped and been reset one hour prior to the fire. The cause of death for all three boys was smoke inhalation. (Ann C. Moster, Coroner, Rush

County, Glenwood, IN)

A female, 18 months, was in the bedroom of her mobile home. A neighbor heard the girl's brother run out of the home and scream for help. The neighbor called 911. When the fire department arrived, the mobile home was fully engulfed in flames. The girl was found lying on the floor of the bedroom. The cause of death was smoke and soot inhalation. (Keith Lehman, M.D. for Henry Young, Coroner, Jenkins County, Millen, GA)

MISCELLANEOUS

*A female, 10, was driving a 4wheeled all-terrain vehicle (ATV) with a family friend on another ATV. The girl stopped at the bottom of a sand dune. The family friend, who had been following the girl, couldn't see her. So, he accelerated his ATV and jumped over the top of the dune. The ATV landed on the girl. She was airlifted to a hospital and declared dead the next day. The girl had been wearing a helmet, and her ATV was equipped with a whip antenna and safety flag. The cause of death was blunt head injuries. (P. Michael Murphy, Coroner, Clark County, Las Vegas, NV)

A male, 3, was staying in a bedroom at his aunt's home. The aunt came in and turned off the TV, which angered the child. He got out of bed and started shaking the dresser where the TV was placed. The dresser and TV fell forward, and the TV struck the child on the head. The cause of death was closed head injury.

(Frederick A. Phillips, M.D., Medical Examiner, Central District, Fredericksburg, VA)

A male, 63, was driving his moped late at night. The moped struck a concrete driveway, and the man was thrown off into a ditch. After being hospitalized for about a month, the man died. At the time of the incident, he had been wearing a helmet. The cause of death was consequences of multiple injuries. (M.G.F. Gilliland, M.D., Medical Examiner, Pitt County, Greeneville, NC)

— Denny Wierdak, Directorate for Epidemiology



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**.

Pivoting Floor Fans

Product: About 5.6 million Lasko, General Electric, Galaxy, and Air King Brand Box and Pivoting Floor Fans by Lasko Products Inc. This recall involves various models of Lasko, Galaxy, Air King and General Electric fans manufactured between January 1999 and July 2001, and sold through February 2004. Styles and model numbers of recalled fans, which are either stamped or on a label on the bottom of the fans, are listed as follows: Lasko - Box Fan, Cyclone Fan, Wind Machine, Air Companion, Air Director, and Wind Tunnel; Models 3700, 3723, 3733, 3750, Models 3510, 3550, 3800, 35105, Models 3300 and 3521, Model 3515, Model 2135, Models 3400 and 3410. General Electric - Box Fan and Cyclone Fan; Model 106620, Models 106600, and 106630. Galaxy - Box Fan, Model 3733. Air King - Cyclone Fan (20° deluxe pivot fan), Air Companion (15° deluxe pivot fan); Model 9500 and Model 9515. The fans were sold at discount department stores nationwide from September 2000 through February 2004 for between \$10 and \$25. The fans were manufactured in the United States.

Problem: An electrical failure in the motor can pose a fire hazard to consumers. Lasko has received 42 reports of fires possibly associated with motor failures, with seven reports of injuries, including burns and smoke inhalation. At least eight of the reported fires resulted in extensive property damage.

What to do: Consumers should stop using the fans immediately and contact Lasko to receive a free fan protection cord adaptor. For additional information, visit Lasko's Web site at www.laskoproducts.com or call the firm at (800) 984-3311 anytime.

Cribs

Product: About 104,000 Aspen 3 in 1 Cribs by Simplicity Inc. and sold under the Graco Trademark. The recalled cribs are made of wood and have a wooden mattress support. Only cribs with wooden mattress supports and with model number 8740KCW SC and serial number 2803 SC to 1605 are included in this recall. The model and serial number are printed on the envelope attached to the mattress support. Department stores and children's product stores sold these cribs from August 2003 through May 2005 for about \$130. The cribs were manufactured in China.

Problem: The screws on the wooden mattress support can come loose allowing a portion of the mattress to fall, posing a suffocation hazard to young children. Simplicity is aware of a 19-month baby who died after two of the mattress support slats came out of his recalled crib. He became entrapped between the mattress and the footboard of the crib and suffocated. Simplicity Inc. has also received 14 reports of the mattress support coming loose, including eight reports of entrapment. Five injuries have been reported including scratches and bruises to the face and head, a strained neck and a report of a child turning blue.

What to do: To receive a free repair kit or for additional information, consumers can contact Simplicity Inc. at (800) 784-1982 anytime or visit the Web site at www.simplicityforchildren.com.

Musical Toy Chairs

Product: About 614,000 Fisher-Price[®] Laugh & Learn[™] Musical Learning Chair[™] by Fisher-Price. The recalled Laugh & Learn Musical Learning Chair is a plastic infant toy that measures about 17 inches high. It plays music and teaches children numbers and letters. It also features a blue chair with four green plastic legs and a side table with a purple base and white top. The table holds a clock, book, and a lamp. Smiley faces are displayed on the lamp and seat back. "Fisher-Price" is written on the front of the chair. The packaging states that the toy is intended for children 12 months through 36 months of age. The model numbers H4609, H7167 through H7173, H8157, H8998, and J0272 through J0275 can be found on the underside of the seat of the chair. The chair was sold at discount department and toy stores nationwide from May 2005 through January 2006 for about \$27. The chair was manufactured in China.

Problem: A child can become lodged between the seatback and side table of the chair, possibly leading to an entrapment of the neck. This can pose a strangulation hazard to young children. Fisher-Price has received three reports of young children getting their necks lodged between the seatback and the side table of the toy, including one report of a child receiving a welt on the neck.

What to do: Consumers should take the recalled musical chair away from

children immediately and contact Fisher-Price to receive a free repair kit that contains a plastic piece that connects in between the seatback and side table, preventing the possibility of entrapment. Consumers can contact Fisher-Price at **(866) 552-3914** anytime or visit the firm's Web site at **www.service.fisher-price.com**.

Party Games

Product: About 461,000 Chicken Limbo Electronic Party Games by Milton Bradley. The recalled "Chicken Limbo" is a plastic electronic game consisting of two red vertical poles set in yellow bases and an orange horizontal bar with a plastic white chicken at the center of the bar. The game is intended for children ages 4 and up. The party game was sold at discount department and toy stores nationwide from June 2005 through January 2006 for about \$25. The party game was manufactured in China.

Problem: The game's two side poles do not fit into their bases properly making the game unstable. This can cause the game to completely fall apart if touched, hitting children playing the game as well as bystanders. Milton Bradley has received 46 reports of the Chicken Limbo party game collapsing unexpectedly. This includes 23 reports of injuries including bumps, bruises, welts and red marks, four reports of cuts, one chipped tooth and one fractured foot.

What to do: Consumers should take the recalled Chicken Limbo game away from children immediately and contact Milton Bradley to receive a free repair kit. The kit contains two yellow plastic replacement side poles to stabilize the toy. For additional information, contact Milton Bradley at (800) 245-0910 anytime, or visit the firm's Web site at www.miltonbradley.com.

Facial Cleansing Massagers

Product: About 438,000 units of Dove[™] SkinVitalizer – Facial Cleansing Massager by Unilever. The recall involves a white hand-held Facial Cleansing Massager wand that is intended for use with Dove Cleansing Pillows. When turned on, the unit vibrates. This notice applies to all units and all codes of the SkinVitalizer. No other Dove products or Dove Facial Cleansing pillows are involved in this recall. The massager was sold at discount department, drug and grocery stores nationwide during February 2006 for about \$10. The massager was manufactured in China.

Problem: The cleansing pillows on this device can loosen or dislodge during use and then the SkinVitalizer can cause minor scratches to the skin. Unilever has received 33 reports of cleansing pillows from the SkinVitalizer falling off of the device. Unilever has received nine reports of consumers who have experienced minor scratches while using the product. No serious injuries have been reported.

What to do: Consumers should immediately stop using the product and contact Unilever for information on receiving a full refund. Unilever will provide all shipping charges for returned SkinVitalizer units. Consumers can also contact Unilever at (800) 896-9479 anytime, or visit the firm's Web site at www.dove.com.

Children's Outerwear

Product: About 334,000 children's upper outerwear with drawstrings by Steve & Barry's University Sportswear. The recalled garments are various color jackets, coats, sweatshirts and sweaters sold in youth sizes up to size 12 with drawstrings through the hood. Many of the sweatshirts have the names of colleges and universities written on them. A tag sewn on the garment reads, "Steve & Barry's Quality Athletic Goods." The style numbers are 15178, 16105, 16168, 16230, 16231, 16257, 16509, 17197, 17285 and 18346, which is written on a collar or side label. The outerwear was sold at Steve & Barry's University Sportswear stores nationwide from January 2004 through December 2005 for between \$6 and \$10. The outerwear was manufactured in China, India, Pakistan and Macau.

Problem: The garments have a drawstring through the hood, posing a strangulation hazard to children. In February 1996, CPSC issued guidelines to help prevent children from strangling or getting entangled on the neck and waist drawstrings of upper garments, such as jackets and sweatshirts. CPSC was alerted to this hazard by the state of Wisconsin. No incidents or injuries have been reported.

What to do: Consumers should remove the drawstrings to eliminate the hazard or return the garment to the store where purchased for a refund. For additional information, consumers can contact Steve & Barry's University Sportswear toll-free at (877) 866-7776 anytime, or visit the firm's Web site at www.steveandbarrys.com.

Valve Adapters

Product: About 335,500 "L"-shaped quick-clear valve adapters used with Mosquito Magnet® Insect Traps by American Biophysics Corp. The recall involves a maintenance accessory used to clear obstructions in the fuel delivery system of certain Mosquito Magnet® insect traps. The Quick-Clear Valve Adapter is a black and gold, "L"-shaped, brass and plastic device. The

adapter was included as a maintenance accessory to clean fuel lines in newly manufactured and retrofitted Mosquito Magnet® insect traps sold only under the following Mosquito Magnet® model names: Defender, Liberty, Freedom and Commercial Pro. Only "L"-shaped adapters are affected by this recall. Mosquito Magnet® products made since November 2003 contain only straight adapters that do not need to be replaced. Adapters for Mosquito Magnet® traps that use rechargeable batteries are not affected by this recall. Home centers, hardware stores, and industrial suppliers nationwide, as well as online and catalog retailers, provided the "L"-shaped Quick-Clear Valve Adapter as an accessory with Mosquito Magnet® insect trap products manufactured from October 2002 through November 2003. The adapters were sold separately for about \$8. The adapters were manufactured in the United States.

Problem: The maintenance accessory is an "L"-shaped, Quick-Clear Valve Adapter that can leak or break apart during use, possibly striking and injuring nearby persons or releasing pressurized carbon dioxide (CO_2) that can freeze exposed skin. American Biophysics has received 11 reports of persons struck by broken adapters and three reports of minor skin irritations caused by the CO_2 gas.

What to do: Consumers should not use the recalled "L"-shaped Quick-Clear Adapter on the Mosquito Magnet insect trap. Consumers should also contact the firm to receive a free replacement adapter. For additional information, contact American Biophysics Corp. toll-free at (877) 699-8727 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit its Web site at www.mosquitomagnet.com.

Paintball Markers

Product: About 243,000 Blade Turbo[™] and Paintball Breakout Players Kit[™] by Brass Eagle. The recalled Blade Turbo[™] paintball marker is bright blue with a black handgrip on the nozzle. Two carbon dioxide cartridges are inserted into the back of the marker covered by a clear plastic screw-on cap. The silver-colored carbon dioxide cartridges are about three-inches long. The Paintball Breakout Players Kit[™] includes a Blade Turbo[™], black mask and CO₂ cartridges. "Blade Turbo" is printed on the side of the paintball marker. Paintball markers are sometimes referred to as paintball guns. The Blade Turbo[™] was sold at Wal-Mart, Kmart and sporting goods retailers nationwide from January 2006 for about \$20. The Paintball Breakout Players Kit[™] was sold at Wal-Mart from October 2005 through January 2006 for about \$25. Both were manufactured in China.

Problem: The carbon dioxide (CO_2) cartridges can be forcibly ejected out the back of the paintball marker and break the plastic screw-on cap. This poses a serious risk of injury to the paintball marker's operator who can be hit forcefully by the CO_2 cartridges or the plastic screw-on cap. Over tightening the screw-on cap after the cartridges are pierced can result in a serious impact injury. The firm has received reports of at least 73 incidents involving the recalled paintball markers. Seven injuries have been reported including an eye injury, facial bruises, and lacerations.

What to do: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled Blade Turbo[™] paintball marker and contact Brass Eagle to receive a free replacement screw-on cap which is black, instead of clear. For additional information, contact Brass Eagle toll-free at (866) 363-8241 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, e-mail Brass Eagle at recall@ brasseagle.com, or visit the firm's Web site at http://www.brasseagle.com.

Flying Saucers

Product: About 180,000 Pro Flying Saucers (Radio Control) by Creative Innovations & Sourcing LLC. The Pro Flying Saucer is about 13 inches in diameter and comes in blue or yellow. It is made of Styrofoam and has a plastic propeller. The Pro Flying Saucer comes with a controller unit, launch pad and a battery charger cord. The item number of the recalled product, M12037, is found on the product's packaging. QVC Inc. exclusively sold these saucers nationwide from November 2005 through December 2005 for \$27 or \$30. The flying saucers were manufactured in China.

Problem: The battery charger cord sold with these flying saucers can overcharge and cause the toy to overheat, posing a risk of fire. There have been at least 56 reports of overheating, smoking, melting and fire including eight reports of minor damage to furniture, carpeting or countertops. There have been seven reports of minor burns to hands or fingers.

What to do: Consumers should stop using the product immediately. QVC will notify all purchasers of the product about the recall, and instruct them to return the battery charger cord to receive a new battery charger cord. For additional information, contact QVC Inc., toll-free at (800) 367-9444 anytime or log on to the company's Web site at www.qvc.com under the product recall section.

Whistles

Product: About 144,000 plastic siren whistles by Chuck E. Cheese's (CEC Entertainment). The recalled plastic siren whistle is a red, green or purple tube with small plastic pieces inside. The whistle is about 2-inches long and 3/4-inch wide. The toy whistles were distributed as prizes at Chuck E. Cheese's by redeeming 15 tickets earned by playing games. The whistle was sold at Chuck E. Cheese's nationwide from July 2005 through August 2005. The whistle was manufactured in China.

Problem: The recalled plastic siren whistle's internal pieces can detach from the toy, posing a choking hazard to children. Chuck E. Cheese's has received four reports of children starting to choke and three reports of children swallowing pieces of the plastic siren whistle.

What to do: Consumers should immediately take the recalled plastic siren whistle away from children and discard it. Free replacement whistles can be obtained by visiting any Chuck E. Cheese's or contacting the company. For additional information, consumers can also contact CEC Entertainment Inc. at **(888) 778-7193** from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at **www.chuckecheese.com**.

Gas Grills

Product: About 98,000 Aussie[™] Gas Grills by Meco Corp. The regulator by TPA Metal and Machinery (SZ) Co. Ltd. The recall involves certain Aussie[™] Gas Grills in the Bonza, Bushman and Bondi series, which have "AussieTM" found on the front panel and the series name found on the control panel. Regulator assemblies on these grills have date codes of 2704 and lower. The regulator is attached to the side of the grills. The model number and serial number of the grill can be found on the back of the grill or on the sides of the control panel. The recall includes grills with the following model numbers and serial number ranges: 7362K3XM11 -0000001 through 0000760; 7720.1.641 - 0005559 through 0055583; 7462K3XB11 - 0000001 through 0000155; 7830.3.641 - 0000001 through 0006492; 7462K3XM51 - 0000001 through 0000917; 7710.1.641 - 0071582 through 0089666; 7820.3.641 - 0001801 through 0018329; 7362K3XB41 -0000001 through 0000289, 7362K3XG51 - 0000001 through 0003804; 7362K3XM51 - 0000001 through 0000860. The grill was sold at grocery, department, hardware and other retail stores nationwide from December 2003 through December 2004 for between \$100 and \$480. The grill was manufactured in China.

Problem: The regulators on these gas grills, the component that controls the amount of gas released to the burner, can leak propane when the propane cylinder is connected and open, and the grill is not in use. This poses a risk of fire and burn injuries. There have been 10 reports of gas leaks. No injuries have been reported. There has been one report of a fire causing property damage.

What to do: Consumers should immediately stop using the grill and contact Meco for instructions on receiving a replacement regulator assembly. Consumers can call Meco toll-free at (800) 251-7558 between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or email Meco's consumer service at csr@meco.net. Consumers also can visit the company's Web site at www.meco.net.

Oil-Filled Radiator Heaters

Product: About 202,000 Maxi-Heat[™] Electric Oil-Filled Radiator Heaters by King of Fans Inc. The portable electric radiator-style heaters have seven fins, one of which has the control panel attached to it. The units are gray with a black control panel. "Maxi-Heat[™]" is printed below the handle indentation on the control panel. The model number 70030 and date codes 0705 and 0805 are printed on the UL label on the lower right side of the control panel. The following purchase order numbers are located on the bottom of the radiator heater's packaging: 56199910, 56199924, 56199961, 57105731, 57105732, 57100092, 57100089, 5710086, 57105685, and 57105686. The heater was sold at The Home Depot stores in the Northeast and Midwest from October 2005 through November 2005 for about \$35. The heaters were manufactured in China.

Problem: Welds in the heating fins can break, allowing oil to leak. This poses a burn and fall hazard to consumers. King of Fans Inc. has received 81 reports of incidents involving leaking oil. Two minor burns were reported, along with two reports of falls in the oil.

What to do: Consumers should immediately stop using these heaters and unplug them. Return the recalled heaters to a Home Depot store for a full refund. For additional information, contact King of Fans toll-free at **(866) 443-1291** between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, or visit the company's Web site at **www.kingoffans.com**.

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