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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<br>and Territorie |                 |                        |                |                  |                 |                   | the            |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-----|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Product Groupings                   | Number of<br>Injuries* | CV* | of<br>Injuries* | Age              |                 |                                  |                 |                        |                |                  | ex              | Disposition       |                |
|                                     |                        |     | injunes         | All Ages         | 0-4             | 5-14                             | 15-24           | 25-64                  | 65+            | Male             | Female          | Treated<br>& Rel. | Hosp.<br>& 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<br>166.9 | 26,547<br>130.7 | 235,776<br>583.6                 | 81,265<br>193.1 | 137,713<br><i>87.8</i> | 13,319<br>36.2 | 356,465<br>244.2 | 138,232<br>91.9 | 466,266           | 28,446<br>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<br>Injuries* | CV* | of<br>Injuries* | Age      |                         |         |        |        |        |         | ex.     | Disposition       |                |
|                                     | njunes                 |     | Injunes         | All Ages | 0-4                     | 5-14    | 15-24  | 25-64  | 65+    | Male    | Female  | Treated<br>& Rel. | Hosp.<br>& 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<br>United States and Territories (listed in italic) that were treated in Hospital Emergency Departments* |                      |               |                |                       |              |                |                |                   |                |  |
|---|-----------------------|-----|-----------------|--|----------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|--|
| Product Groupings                                     | Number of<br>Numinium | CV* | of<br>Injuries* | Age  |                      |               |                |                       |              |                | х              | Disposition       |                |  |
|   | njunes                |     | Injunes         | All Ages   | 0-4                  | 5-14          | 15-24          | 25-64                 | 65+          | Male           | Female         | Treated<br>& Rel. | Hosp.<br>& 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<br><i>13.8</i>  | 3,361<br><i>16.6</i> | 5,935<br>14.7 | 10,817<br>25.7 | 19,140<br><i>12.2</i> | 1,768<br>4.8 | 24,375<br>16.7 | 16,646<br>11.1 | 39,748<br>13.4    | 1,272<br>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<br>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<br>United States and Territories (listed in italic) that were treated in<br>Estimated Number |                 |                      |               |              |               |               |              |                     |                      |                      |                   |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|---|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Product Groupings                    | Number of<br>Injuries* | CV*   | of<br>Injuries* | Age                  |               |              |               |               |              | Se                  | x                    | Disposition          |                   |
|                                      | injunes                |   | injunes         | All Ages             | 0-4           | 5-14         | 15-24         | 25-64         | 65+          | Male                | Female               | Treated<br>& Rel.    | Hosp.<br>& 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<br><i>8.2</i> | 4,556<br>22.4 | 2,862<br>7.1 | 4,726<br>11.2 | 10,410<br>6.6 | 1,678<br>4.6 | 10,398<br>7.1       | 13,834<br><i>9.2</i> | 23,666<br><i>8.0</i> | 566<br><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<br>5.6        | 1,528<br>7.5  | 2,818<br>7.0 | 1,917         | 7,629         | 2,609        | 9,120<br><i>6.2</i> | 7,380<br>4.9         | 16,003<br>5.4        | 497<br>0.2        |
| Heating & Plumbing Pipes             | 36,596                 | .09   | 1,004           | 36,596               | 4,332         | 6,398        | 4.6<br>4,929  | 4.9           | 7.1<br>2,726 | 0.2<br>25,863       | 4.9                  | 5.4<br>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               |

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| Estimated Number of Injuries and Estimated Rate of Product-Related Injur<br>United States and Territories (listed in italic) that were treated in Hosp |                        |     |              |           |         |         |         |         | the     |             |           |                   |                |
|--|------------------------|-----|--------------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------------|-----------|-------------------|----------------|
| Product Groupings  | Estimated<br>Number of | CV* | Number<br>of |           |         | A       |         | Se      | x       | Disposition |           |                   |                |
|  | Injuries*              |     | Injuries*    | All Ages  | 0-4     | 5-14    | 15-24   | 25-64   | 65+     | Male        | Female    | Treated<br>& Rel. | Hosp.<br>& 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.

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| YOUR ADDRESS                             |                |             |                              |      |  |
| СІТҮ                                     |                |             | STATE                        | ZIP  |  |
| YOUR TELEPHONE                           |                |             |                              |      |  |
| NAME OF VICTIM (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE) |                |             |                              |      |  |
| ADDRESS                                  |                |             |                              |      |  |
| СІТҮ                                     |                |             | STATE                        | ZIP  |  |
| TELEPHONE                                |                |             |                              |      |  |
| DESCRIBE THE INCIDENT OR HAZARD, INCLUDI | NG DESCRIPTION | of injuries |                              |      |  |
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| 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?          |                |             |                              |      |  |

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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<sup>®</sup> Laugh & Learn<sup>™</sup> Musical Learning Chair<sup>™</sup> 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<sup>™</sup> 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<sup>™</sup> and Paintball Breakout Players Kit<sup>™</sup> by Brass Eagle. The recalled Blade Turbo<sup>™</sup> 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<sup>™</sup> includes a Blade Turbo<sup>™</sup>, black mask and CO<sub>2</sub> cartridges. "Blade Turbo" is printed on the side of the paintball marker. Paintball markers are sometimes referred to as paintball guns. The Blade Turbo<sup>™</sup> was sold at Wal-Mart, Kmart and sporting goods retailers nationwide from January 2006 for about \$20. The Paintball Breakout Players Kit<sup>™</sup> 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<sup>™</sup> 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<sup>™</sup> Gas Grills by Meco Corp. The regulator by TPA Metal and Machinery (SZ) Co. Ltd. The recall involves certain Aussie<sup>™</sup> Gas Grills in the Bonza, Bushman and Bondi series, which have "Aussie<sup>TM</sup>" 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<sup>™</sup> 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<sup>™</sup>" 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**.

- Carolyn T. Manley, Office of Compliance

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