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## NEISS Expands

CPSC's National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS) is growing — from a system that collects hospital emergency department data on consumer product-related injuries to one that collects these data on all injuries.

Based on a national probability sample of U.S. hospitals with emergency departments, NEISS allows CPSC staff to make national estimates of the number of specific types of consumer product-related injuries treated in hospital emergency rooms. NEISS also provides a source for more detailed follow-up investigations, which can help CPSC develop strategies to reduce the number and severity of these injuries.

Now, other federal agencies also will be able to use the NEISS data to address other types of injuries such as those associated with motor vehicles, intentional violence, and unsafe workplaces.

### Expansion of NEISS

For the last 20 years, CPSC has expanded NEISS as necessary to meet the needs of other government agencies for specific data on injuries treated in hospital emergency departments. These agencies have paid CPSC to offset the costs of collecting these special data.

For example, in recent years, NEISS provided data on work-related injuries to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; firearms injuries to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Center for Injury Prevention and Control; motor vehicle injuries to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; intentional injuries to the Department of Justice; and medical device injuries to the Food and Drug Administration.

To implement the new comprehensive system, CPSC has simplified the reporting rules and improved efficiency by collecting basic surveillance data on all injuries in hospital emergency departments. CPSC will provide this information without cost to other federal agencies.

These agencies will then be able to analyze and use the data to support their own programs. If additional data are needed, these agencies will be able to collect this information through extra efforts in the hospital or through follow-up investigations.

### Pilot Study

In 1997, CPSC conducted a pilot study to evaluate the effectiveness of NEISS in capturing all injury cases in hospital emergency departments. Partially funded by CDC, the study was conducted for three months in a random sample of 21 NEISS hospitals. The results, reported in the *Annals of Emergency Medicine*

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(November 1999), demonstrated that NEISS is an effective national surveillance system for this purpose (*Figure 1*).

In 1998, a report by the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences recommended that CPSC expand NEISS to collect information on all injuries seen in hospital emergency departments.

### NEISS Hospitals

NEISS includes 100 hospitals that report approximately 350,000 consumer product-related injuries to CPSC each year. The sample is selected from the approximately 5,000 U.S. hospitals with at least six beds providing 24-hour emergency service. The sample includes representatives of hospitals of varying sizes (measured by number of emergency department visits) as well as children's hospitals.

CPSC recruits each of the statistically-selected hospitals to participate in the system. To ensure that the system works well, CPSC provides every hospital with training; a personal computer for reporting; payment for cases reported and time expended; access to the latest product safety information and education materials; CPSC press releases on safety issues; easy access to its own data and the data of other hospitals; and annual visits for oversight and orientation.

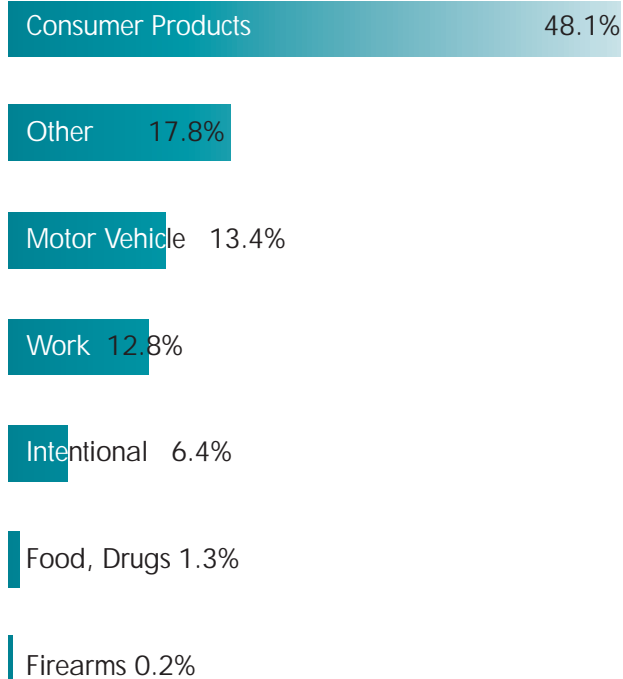
Each participating hospital nominates an individual or individuals to conduct the NEISS functions. In most hospitals, the individual is a nurse or clerk. In some larger hospitals, a third-party contractor is paid by CPSC to perform the work.

### Working with NEISS

Those individuals who work with NEISS at the hospitals have a variety of tasks. They review every emergency record; identify and code all reportable cases; enter the coded data into a computer; and assure the quality and accuracy of the data. CPSC staff work to enhance quality by providing orientation sessions to hospital staff and rechecking hospital records for accuracy and completeness.

Each NEISS case report consists of 13 coded variables and a narrative description of the injury incident. The coded data include treatment date, age and sex of the victim; the diagnosis and body part injured; the locale; the disposition; and the product or activity associated with the incident.

### Distribution of Injuries from NEISS All-Trauma Pilot Study



*Figure 1*

### Implementation of the New System

CPSC staff began training hospital staff in May 2000 and currently has a probability sample of 66 hospitals reporting all injuries. The normal annual caseload of 350,000 product-related injury cases will expand to include an additional 300,000 injury cases. These additional cases will include motor vehicle injuries, firearm injuries, intentional violence cases, animal bites, work-related injuries, drug poisonings, boating injuries, and many other cases.

— *Arthur K. McDonald, Directorate for Epidemiology*

# NEISS Data Highlights — 1999

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

The 1999 NEISS estimates have been produced from an updated sample of 100 hospitals, including children's hospitals. Information from NEISS is available to the public through CPSC's National Injury Information Clearinghouse (phone: 301-504-0424). For information about NEISS, contact: Dr. Susan Ahmed (phone: 301-504-0470/ e-mail: sahed@cpsc.gov).

Product Groupings	Estimated Number of Injuries*	CV*	Number of Injuries*	<i>Estimated Number of Injuries (listed in italic) and Estimated Rate of Product-Related Injuries per 100,000 Population in the United States and Territories that were treated in Hospital Emergency Departments*</i>									
				Age						Sex		Disposition	
				All Ages	00-04	05-14	15-24	25-64	65+	Male	Female	Treated & Rel.	Hosp. & DOA
<b>Child Nursery Equipment</b>													
All Nursery Equipment	79,922	.07	2,726	29.3	65,217	3,382	3,500	6,484	1,304	41,236	38,686	77,214	2,484
					344.3	8.6	9.3	4.6	3.8	30.9	27.7	28.3	0.9
<b>Toys</b>													
All Toys	146,529	.07	4,288	53.7	69,227	45,389	10,847	17,710	3,190	88,470	57,911	143,536	2,715
					365.5	114.9	28.7	12.5	9.2	66.4	41.5	52.6	1.0
<b>Sports &amp; Recreational Equipment</b>													
ATV's, Mopeds, Minibikes, etc.	169,115	.08	3,644	62.0	3,100	50,787	56,693	56,451	1,937	135,427	33,277	153,915	14,629
					16.4	128.6	150.1	39.8	5.6	101.6	23.9	56.4	5.4
Amusement Attractions (incl. Rides)	21,207	.16	505	7.8	2,074	7,450	3,805	7,811	67	9,628	11,579	21,032	174
					10.9	18.9	10.1	5.5	0.2	7.2	8.3	7.7	0.1
Barbecue Grills, Stoves, Equipment	21,867	.08	580	8.0	5,092	2,973	2,839	9,983	980	13,175	8,692	20,637	1,063
					26.9	7.5	7.5	7.0	2.8	9.9	6.2	7.6	0.4
Baseball, Softball	339,775	.06	8,130	124.6	8,496	130,170	89,556	109,732	1,803	235,273	104,418	333,307	6,010
					44.9	329.6	237.1	77.3	5.2	176.5	74.9	122.2	2.2
Basketball	597,224	.06	15,835	219.0	2,311	193,453	273,252	127,528	420	479,077	117,714	591,052	5,600
					12.2	489.8	723.4	89.8	1.2	359.5	84.4	216.7	2.1
Beach, Picnic, Camping Equipment	20,315	.08	474	7.4	2,961	5,366	2,038	7,628	2,322	9,685	10,630	19,516	798
					15.6	13.6	5.4	5.4	6.7	7.3	7.6	7.2	0.3
Bicycles & Accessories	614,594	.06	16,654	225.4	37,805	340,454	86,387	136,164	13,523	440,342	173,926	584,943	28,403
					199.6	862.0	228.7	95.9	39.2	330.4	124.8	214.5	10.4
Exercise, Exercise Equipment	224,551	.10	6,209	82.3	9,284	37,979	57,850	105,671	13,700	130,651	93,882	216,623	7,679
					49.0	96.2	153.1	74.4	39.7	98.0	67.3	79.4	2.8
Football	372,380	.06	10,095	136.6	1,247	172,117	160,776	37,559	458	348,771	23,542	365,077	6,910
					6.6	435.8	425.6	26.5	1.3	261.7	16.9	133.9	2.5
Hockey	71,484	.18	1,561	26.2	483	26,407	27,704	16,819	70	61,712	9,772	70,424	899
					2.6	66.9	73.3	11.8	0.2	46.3	7.0	25.8	0.3
Horseback Riding	72,782	.12	1,555	26.7	659	14,133	12,349	44,025	1,549	27,300	45,483	64,990	7,710
					3.5	35.8	32.7	31.0	4.5	20.5	32.6	23.8	2.8
In-line Skating	95,129	.11	2,556	34.9	955	58,606	16,736	18,486	207	50,530	44,581	91,595	3,369
					5.0	148.4	44.3	13.0	0.6	37.9	32.0	33.6	1.2
Lacrosse, Rugby, Misc. Ball Games	79,328	.08	2,068	29.1	3,653	37,439	21,360	16,176	483	52,790	26,500	78,017	1,012
					19.3	94.8	56.5	11.4	1.4	39.6	19.0	28.6	0.4

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				Age						Sex		Disposition	
				All Ages	00-04	05-14	15-24	25-64	65+	Male	Female	Treated & Rel.	Hosp. & DOA
Nonpowder Guns, BB'S, Pellets	23,331	.08	589	8.6	<i>818</i>	<i>10,382</i>	<i>7,863</i>	<i>4,268</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>19,891</i>	<i>3,440</i>	<i>21,875</i>	<i>1,456</i>
					4.3	26.3	20.8	3.0	0.0	14.9	2.5	8.0	0.5
Playground Equipment	248,301	.06	7,832	91.1	<i>65,916</i>	<i>165,728</i>	<i>6,500</i>	<i>8,367</i>	<i>1,511</i>	<i>137,013</i>	<i>111,204</i>	<i>238,470</i>	<i>9,481</i>
					348.0	419.6	17.2	5.9	4.4	102.8	79.8	87.5	3.5
Racquet Sports	34,545	.16	807	12.7	<i>160</i>	<i>3,723</i>	<i>6,322</i>	<i>20,382</i>	<i>3,889</i>	<i>21,993</i>	<i>12,511</i>	<i>33,673</i>	<i>777</i>
					0.8	9.4	16.7	14.4	11.3	16.5	9.0	12.3	0.3
Skateboards	59,964	.17	1,379	22.0	<i>1,000</i>	<i>32,259</i>	<i>21,055</i>	<i>5,632</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>53,274</i>	<i>6,690</i>	<i>57,891</i>	<i>1,961</i>
					5.3	81.7	55.7	4.0	0.1	40.0	4.8	21.2	0.7
Skating (excl. In-line)	95,951	.07	2,518	35.2	<i>2,067</i>	<i>57,197</i>	<i>13,532</i>	<i>22,285</i>	<i>870</i>	<i>37,723</i>	<i>58,210</i>	<i>93,051</i>	<i>2,636</i>
					10.9	144.8	35.8	15.7	2.5	28.3	41.8	34.1	1.0
Snowmobiles	14,107	.23	240	5.2	<i>179</i>	<i>1,298</i>	<i>4,940</i>	<i>7,691</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>10,632</i>	<i>3,475</i>	<i>12,191</i>	<i>1,916</i>
					0.9	3.3	13.1	5.4	0.0	8.0	2.5	4.5	0.7
Soccer	175,303	.11	4,540	64.3	<i>708</i>	<i>80,958</i>	<i>65,808</i>	<i>27,369</i>	<i>392</i>	<i>107,558</i>	<i>67,745</i>	<i>172,252</i>	<i>2,844</i>
					3.7	205.0	174.2	19.3	1.1	80.7	48.6	63.2	1.0
Swimming, Pools, Equipment	151,233	.20	3,711	55.5	<i>14,325</i>	<i>60,825</i>	<i>26,054</i>	<i>45,397</i>	<i>4,564</i>	<i>84,705</i>	<i>66,528</i>	<i>144,166</i>	<i>6,848</i>
					75.6	154.0	69.0	32.0	13.2	63.6	47.7	52.9	2.5
Toboggans, Sleds, Snow Discs, etc.	28,215	.18	680	10.3	<i>1,330</i>	<i>15,419</i>	<i>5,714</i>	<i>5,455</i>	<i>228</i>	<i>16,177</i>	<i>12,038</i>	<i>26,412</i>	<i>1,802</i>
					7.0	39.0	15.1	3.8	0.7	12.1	8.6	9.7	0.7
Track & Field Activities, Equipment	14,903	.13	398	5.5	<i>11</i>	<i>6,588</i>	<i>7,525</i>	<i>779</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>7,855</i>	<i>7,048</i>	<i>14,512</i>	<i>314</i>
					0.1	16.7	19.9	0.5	0.0	5.9	5.1	5.3	0.1
Trampolines	98,889	.09	2,568	36.3	<i>9,915</i>	<i>67,977</i>	<i>14,616</i>	<i>6,297</i>	<i>84</i>	<i>53,022</i>	<i>45,727</i>	<i>94,381</i>	<i>4,228</i>
					52.3	172.1	38.7	4.4	0.2	39.8	32.8	34.6	1.6
Volleyball	64,239	.09	1,472	23.6	<i>41</i>	<i>15,070</i>	<i>28,051</i>	<i>20,633</i>	<i>376</i>	<i>27,040</i>	<i>37,199</i>	<i>63,539</i>	<i>570</i>
					0.2	38.2	74.3	14.5	1.1	20.3	26.7	23.3	0.2
Water Skiing, Tubing, Surfing	28,080	.28	533	10.3	<i>154</i>	<i>3,353</i>	<i>9,142</i>	<i>15,224</i>	<i>207</i>	<i>22,177</i>	<i>5,904</i>	<i>27,007</i>	<i>1,056</i>
					0.8	8.5	24.2	10.7	0.6	16.6	4.2	9.9	0.4
<b>Home Comm'n &amp; Entertainment</b>													
Sound Recording Equipment	38,985	.06	1,006	14.3	<i>7,275</i>	<i>4,646</i>	<i>6,419</i>	<i>14,391</i>	<i>6,255</i>	<i>19,145</i>	<i>19,840</i>	<i>36,424</i>	<i>2,561</i>
					38.4	11.8	17.0	10.1	18.1	14.4	13.4	0.9	
Television Sets & Stands	47,058	.06	1,346	17.3	<i>13,878</i>	<i>5,737</i>	<i>5,010</i>	<i>16,599</i>	<i>5,834</i>	<i>26,273</i>	<i>20,785</i>	<i>44,322</i>	<i>2,600</i>
					73.3	14.5	13.3	11.7	16.9	19.7	14.9	16.3	1.0
<b>Personal Use Items</b>													
Cigarettes, Lighters, Fuel	15,669	.08	466	5.7	<i>3,848</i>	<i>2,155</i>	<i>2,913</i>	<i>5,734</i>	<i>1,019</i>	<i>9,798</i>	<i>5,872</i>	<i>14,233</i>	<i>1,436</i>
					20.3	5.5	7.7	4.0	3.0	7.4	4.2	5.2	0.5
Clothing	148,134	.08	3,854	54.3	<i>10,482</i>	<i>26,824</i>	<i>22,606</i>	<i>61,168</i>	<i>26,986</i>	<i>66,262</i>	<i>81,872</i>	<i>139,322</i>	<i>8,634</i>
					55.3	67.9	59.8	43.1	78.1	49.7	58.7	51.1	3.2
Drug Poisonings to Children under 5	46,468	.11	1,744	17.0	<i>46,468</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>25,468</i>	<i>20,933</i>	<i>40,525</i>	<i>5,784</i>
					245.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.1	15.0	14.9	2.1
Grooming Devices	28,260	.07	896	10.4	<i>10,561</i>	<i>4,220</i>	<i>2,895</i>	<i>9,134</i>	<i>1,431</i>	<i>9,448</i>	<i>18,811</i>	<i>27,850</i>	<i>392</i>
					55.8	10.7	7.7	6.4	4.1	7.1	13.5	10.2	0.1

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				All Ages	00-04	05-14	15-24	25-64	65+	Male	Female	Treated & Rel.	Hosp. & DOA
Razors, Shavers, Razor Blades	37,853	.10	907	13.9	<i>2,862</i>	<i>4,493</i>	<i>8,843</i>	<i>18,957</i>	<i>2,699</i>	24,738	13,116	37,370	167
					15.1	11.4	23.4	13.4	7.8	18.6	9.4	13.7	0.1
<b>Household Containers</b>													
Cans, Other Containers	239,780	.06	6,118	87.9	<i>30,887</i>	<i>34,520</i>	<i>38,084</i>	<i>116,707</i>	<i>19,175</i>	114,435	125,261	235,667	3,804
					163.1	87.4	100.8	82.2	55.5	85.9	89.8	86.4	1.4
Glass Bottles, Jars	40,367	.08	1,053	14.8	<i>4,402</i>	<i>7,861</i>	<i>10,438</i>	<i>15,590</i>	<i>2,074</i>	22,291	18,075	39,085	1,148
					23.2	19.9	27.6	11.0	6.0	16.7	13.0	14.3	0.4
<b>Yard &amp; Garden Equipment</b>													
Chain Saws	28,543	.08	573	10.5	<i>106</i>	<i>478</i>	<i>2,740</i>	<i>21,725</i>	<i>3,425</i>	27,007	1,469	26,800	1,725
					0.6	1.2	7.3	15.3	9.9	20.3	1.1	9.8	0.6
Hand Garden Tools	41,757	.09	902	15.3	<i>1,759</i>	<i>6,905</i>	<i>4,128</i>	<i>22,746</i>	<i>6,220</i>	27,336	14,355	39,881	1,875
					9.3	17.5	10.9	16.0	18.0	20.5	10.3	14.6	0.7
Hatchets, Axes	10,438	.12	219	3.8	<i>260</i>	<i>1,611</i>	<i>1,381</i>	<i>6,584</i>	<i>602</i>	9,523	915	10,046	351
					1.4	4.1	3.7	4.6	1.7	7.1	0.7	3.7	0.1
Lawn & Garden Equipment	63,868	.08	1,424	23.4	<i>3,287</i>	<i>7,392</i>	<i>5,571</i>	<i>35,173</i>	<i>12,377</i>	38,457	25,411	60,340	3,522
					17.4	18.7	14.7	24.8	35.8	28.9	18.2	22.1	1.3
Lawn Mowers	70,977	.08	1,598	26.0	<i>2,173</i>	<i>5,089</i>	<i>6,342</i>	<i>46,438</i>	<i>10,935</i>	55,932	14,978	66,232	4,745
					11.5	12.9	16.8	32.7	31.7	42.0	10.7	24.3	1.7
Other Power Lawn Equipment	15,631	.12	338	5.7	<i>862</i>	<i>1,294</i>	<i>1,368</i>	<i>9,367</i>	<i>2,739</i>	13,097	2,533	14,555	1,058
					4.6	3.3	3.6	6.6	7.9	9.8	1.8	5.3	0.4
Trimmers, Small Power Garden Tools	11,996	.10	255	4.4	<i>166</i>	<i>509</i>	<i>1,387</i>	<i>8,331</i>	<i>1,535</i>	7,936	4,061	11,742	218
					0.9	1.3	3.7	5.9	4.4	6.0	2.9	4.3	0.1
<b>Home Workshop Equipment</b>													
Hoists, Lifts, Jacks, etc.	13,419	.10	316	4.9	<i>405</i>	<i>893</i>	<i>2,418</i>	<i>8,405</i>	<i>1,298</i>	11,325	2,095	12,800	619
					2.1	2.3	6.4	5.9	3.8	8.5	1.5	4.7	0.2
Power Home Tools (excl. Saws)	34,478	.08	716	12.6	<i>345</i>	<i>1,027</i>	<i>4,960</i>	<i>24,613</i>	<i>3,465</i>	31,926	2,552	33,751	656
					1.8	2.6	13.1	17.3	10.0	24.0	1.8	12.4	0.2
Power Home Workshop Saws	89,618	.07	1,953	32.9	<i>387</i>	<i>2,464</i>	<i>8,351</i>	<i>59,993</i>	<i>18,355</i>	84,639	4,979	84,017	5,532
					2.0	6.2	22.1	42.3	53.1	63.5	3.6	30.8	2.0
Welding, Soldering, Cutting Tools	19,463	.10	418	7.1	<i>181</i>	<i>429</i>	<i>6,036</i>	<i>12,243</i>	<i>575</i>	18,878	585	19,202	221
					1.0	1.1	16.0	8.6	1.7	14.2	0.4	7.0	0.1
Wires, Cords, Not Specified	14,802	.09	336	5.4	<i>622</i>	<i>2,769</i>	<i>2,022</i>	<i>7,662</i>	<i>1,726</i>	10,018	4,785	14,600	185
					3.3	7.0	5.4	5.4	5.0	7.5	3.4	5.4	0.1
Workshop Manual Tools	115,057	.06	2,493	42.2	<i>3,332</i>	<i>8,216</i>	<i>20,003</i>	<i>75,714</i>	<i>7,724</i>	98,682	16,309	112,943	1,971
					17.6	20.8	53.0	53.3	22.4	74.0	11.7	41.4	0.7
<b>Home Maintenance</b>													
Cleaning Agents (excl. Soaps)	35,012	.08	957	12.8	<i>12,320</i>	<i>3,322</i>	<i>4,368</i>	<i>13,362</i>	<i>1,569</i>	16,730	18,235	33,960	1,011
					65.0	8.4	11.6	9.4	4.5	12.6	13.1	12.5	0.4
Cleaning Equip., Non-caustic Deterg.	31,333	.07	786	11.5	<i>2,766</i>	<i>4,819</i>	<i>3,755</i>	<i>15,944</i>	<i>4,048</i>	15,715	15,618	30,074	1,258
					14.6	12.2	9.9	11.2	11.7	11.8	11.2	11.0	0.5

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				Age						Sex		Disposition	
				All Ages	00-04	05-14	15-24	25-64	65+	Male	Female	Treated & Rel.	Hosp. & DOA
Paints, Solvents, Lubricants	16,655	.12	387	6.1	2,133	1,321	2,197	9,835	1,168	10,923	5,732	15,729	730
<b>General Household Appliances</b>					11.3	3.3	5.8	6.9	3.4	8.2	4.1	5.8	0.3
Cooking Ranges, Ovens, etc.	42,803	.06	1,192	15.7	11,692	5,201	5,040	16,658	4,212	18,918	23,885	40,979	1,742
					61.7	13.2	13.3	11.7	12.2	14.2	17.1	15.0	0.6
Irons, Clothes Steamers (not Toys)	15,869	.17	610	5.8	10,044	1,429	1,015	2,831	550	7,878	7,990	15,617	234
					53.0	3.6	2.7	2.0	1.6	5.9	5.7	5.7	0.1
Refrigerators, Freezers	33,140	.07	821	12.2	2,041	3,126	5,115	18,210	4,579	19,004	14,136	31,663	1,324
					10.8	7.9	13.5	12.8	13.3	14.3	10.1	11.6	0.5
Small Kitchen Appliances	37,779	.07	911	13.9	2,419	3,170	5,345	22,956	3,871	16,532	21,247	36,634	966
					12.8	8.0	14.1	16.2	11.2	12.4	15.2	13.4	0.4
Washers, Dryers	18,506	.08	443	6.8	1,562	949	2,597	11,255	2,143	10,543	7,962	17,585	884
					8.2	2.4	6.9	7.9	6.2	7.9	5.7	6.4	0.3
<b>Heating, Cooling, Vent. Equip.</b>													
Air Conditioners	13,198	.09	343	4.8	898	2,212	1,662	7,683	744	9,127	4,072	12,875	323
					4.7	5.6	4.4	5.4	2.2	6.8	2.9	4.7	0.1
Chimneys, Fireplaces	19,902	.13	607	7.3	12,448	2,597	382	3,716	759	12,121	7,781	19,318	472
					65.7	6.6	1.0	2.6	2.2	9.1	5.6	7.1	0.2
Fans (excl. Stove Exhaust Fans)	15,560	.09	417	5.7	2,198	2,523	1,884	5,935	3,020	8,281	7,279	14,829	731
					11.6	6.4	5.0	4.2	8.7	6.2	5.2	5.4	0.3
Heating & Plumbing Pipes	36,637	.08	969	13.4	3,889	8,774	4,936	15,805	3,165	23,783	12,854	35,948	672
					20.5	22.2	13.1	11.1	9.2	17.8	9.2	13.2	0.23,889
Heating Stoves, Space Heaters	20,558	.11	501	7.5	7,390	3,923	1,653	5,735	1,856	11,486	9,072	19,116	1,425
					39.0	9.9	4.4	4.0	5.4	8.6	6.5	7.0	0.5
Radiators	12,473	.27	409	4.6	5,604	3,183	662	1,790	1,235	6,913	5,560	11,993	462
					29.6	8.1	1.8	1.3	3.6	5.2	4.0	4.4	0.2
<b>Home Furnishings &amp; Fixtures</b>													
Bathroom Structures & Fixtures	273,551	.06	6,681	100.3	41,923	27,929	22,327	105,762	75,542	119,106	154,445	251,942	21,249
					221.3	70.7	59.1	74.5	218.7	89.4	110.8	92.4	7.8
Beds, Mattresses, Pillows	472,012	.05	13,133	173.1	141,468	84,113	29,266	87,892	129,255	219,722	252,223	431,676	39,608
					746.8	213.0	77.5	61.9	374.2	164.9	180.9	158.3	14.5
Carpets, Rugs	117,156	.07	3,011	43.0	19,759	8,790	6,672	37,163	44,703	38,730	78,426	103,510	13,557
					104.3	22.3	17.7	26.2	129.4	29.1	56.3	38.0	5.0
Chairs, Sofas, Sofa Beds	417,366	.05	11,263	153.1	116,897	57,119	31,427	116,530	95,162	184,966	232,333	387,650	29,043
					617.1	144.6	83.2	82.1	275.5	138.8	166.6	142.2	10.7
Desks, Cabinets, Shelves, Racks	239,535	.05	6,456	87.8	59,032	44,527	23,900	80,916	31,024	119,878	119,657	233,266	5,961
					311.6	112.7	63.3	57.0	89.8	89.9	85.8	85.5	2.2
Electric Fixt., Lamps, Equip.	55,055	.05	1,460	20.2	8,139	10,185	7,835	20,914	7,964	32,230	22,825	52,469	2,526
					43.0	25.8	20.7	14.7	23.1	24.2	16.4	19.2	0.9
Holiday, Party Supplies	12,362	.10	314	4.5	2,625	937	1,014	6,121	1,664	7,020	5,341	11,715	647
					13.9	2.4	2.7	4.3	4.8	5.3	3.8	4.3	0.2

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				Age					Sex		Disposition		
				All Ages	00-04	05-14	15-24	25-64	65+	Male	Female	Treated & Rel.	Hosp. & DOA
Ladders, Stools	178,199	.06	3,991	65.3	<i>5,868</i>	<i>6,426</i>	<i>12,674</i>	<i>120,691</i>	<i>32,403</i>	<i>126,065</i>	<i>52,135</i>	<i>162,031</i>	<i>15,809</i>
					31.0	16.3	33.6	85.0	93.8	94.6	37.4	59.4	5.8
Mirrors, Mirror Glass	21,396	.08	619	7.8	<i>2,516</i>	<i>3,788</i>	<i>5,392</i>	<i>8,765</i>	<i>868</i>	<i>11,278</i>	<i>10,119</i>	<i>21,090</i>	<i>307</i>
					13.3	9.6	14.3	6.2	2.5	8.5	7.3	7.7	0.1
Misc. Household Covers, Fabrics	19,477	.07	451	7.1	<i>1,430</i>	<i>1,887</i>	<i>1,820</i>	<i>9,408</i>	<i>4,932</i>	<i>5,851</i>	<i>13,626</i>	<i>17,959</i>	<i>1,518</i>
					7.5	4.8	4.8	6.6	14.3	4.4	9.8	6.6	0.6
Other Misc. Furniture & Accessories	76,549	.08	1,852	28.1	<i>6,493</i>	<i>4,562</i>	<i>9,587</i>	<i>47,908</i>	<i>7,932</i>	<i>39,298</i>	<i>37,251</i>	<i>75,193</i>	<i>1,320</i>
					34.3	11.5	25.4	33.8	23.0	29.5	26.7	27.6	0.5
Tables, not elsewhere classified	304,758	.06	8,606	111.8	<i>126,825</i>	<i>52,295</i>	<i>20,072</i>	<i>63,493</i>	<i>41,928</i>	<i>167,090</i>	<i>137,583</i>	<i>295,212</i>	<i>8,833</i>
					669.5	132.4	53.1	44.7	121.4	125.4	98.7	108.3	3.2
<b>Home Structures &amp; Const. Mat.</b>													
Cabinet/Door Hardware	17,831	.09	466	6.5	<i>3,403</i>	<i>4,167</i>	<i>1,655</i>	<i>5,393</i>	<i>3,213</i>	<i>9,597</i>	<i>8,234</i>	<i>17,239</i>	<i>592</i>
					18.0	10.6	4.4	3.8	9.3	7.2	5.9	6.3	0.2
Fences	117,175	.06	3,252	43.0	<i>7,220</i>	<i>41,185</i>	<i>21,141</i>	<i>41,560</i>	<i>6,070</i>	<i>83,355</i>	<i>33,681</i>	<i>112,888</i>	<i>4,017</i>
					38.1	104.3	56.0	29.3	17.6	62.5	24.2	41.4	1.5
Glass Doors, Windows, Panels	169,329	.06	4,366	62.1	<i>15,834</i>	<i>34,280</i>	<i>46,279</i>	<i>64,085</i>	<i>8,783</i>	<i>100,225</i>	<i>69,104</i>	<i>163,676</i>	<i>5,343</i>
					83.6	86.8	122.5	45.1	25.4	75.2	49.6	60.0	2.0
Handrails, Railings, Banisters	39,574	.07	1,124	14.5	<i>5,705</i>	<i>9,985</i>	<i>5,731</i>	<i>13,722</i>	<i>4,364</i>	<i>20,402</i>	<i>19,155</i>	<i>38,247</i>	<i>1,179</i>
					30.1	25.3	15.2	9.7	12.6	15.3	13.7	14.0	0.4
Non-glass Doors, Panels	347,479	.08	9,533	127.4	<i>70,387</i>	<i>82,559</i>	<i>47,900</i>	<i>109,357</i>	<i>37,191</i>	<i>169,317</i>	<i>178,064</i>	<i>340,590</i>	<i>6,198</i>
					371.6	209.0	126.8	77.0	107.7	127.0	127.7	124.9	2.3
Outside Attached Struct. & Mat.	24,752	.09	566	9.1	<i>904</i>	<i>2,590</i>	<i>2,725</i>	<i>15,257</i>	<i>3,276</i>	<i>20,034</i>	<i>4,718</i>	<i>23,000</i>	<i>1,752</i>
					4.8	6.6	7.2	10.7	9.5	15.0	3.4	8.4	0.6
Stairs, Ramps, Landings, Floors	2,052,256	.07	50,659	752.6	<i>262,467</i>	<i>222,389</i>	<i>213,717</i>	<i>765,886</i>	<i>586,639</i>	<i>755,416</i>	<i>1,296,278</i>	<i>1,840,339</i>	<i>209,488</i>
					1385.6	563.1	565.8	539.6	1698.5	566.8	929.8	674.9	76.8
Window, Door Sills, Frames	56,517	.07	1,463	20.7	<i>13,197</i>	<i>8,448</i>	<i>6,970</i>	<i>17,766</i>	<i>10,069</i>	<i>28,029</i>	<i>28,488</i>	<i>54,144</i>	<i>2,126</i>
					69.7	21.4	18.5	12.5	29.2	21.0	20.4	19.9	0.8
<b>Miscellaneous Products</b>													
Dollies, Carts	43,922	.07	1,280	16.1	<i>21,597</i>	<i>5,281</i>	<i>1,679</i>	<i>11,141</i>	<i>4,224</i>	<i>20,519</i>	<i>23,402</i>	<i>42,786</i>	<i>989</i>
					114.0	13.4	4.4	7.8	12.2	15.4	16.8	15.7	0.4
Elevators, Other Lifts	18,470	.15	603	6.8	<i>1,825</i>	<i>1,908</i>	<i>1,395</i>	<i>7,883</i>	<i>5,442</i>	<i>6,995</i>	<i>11,475</i>	<i>17,271</i>	<i>1,106</i>
					9.6	4.8	3.7	5.6	15.8	5.2	8.2	6.3	0.4
Gasoline, Diesel Fuels	13,359	.11	320	4.9	<i>1,523</i>	<i>1,703</i>	<i>2,221</i>	<i>7,291</i>	<i>622</i>	<i>10,862</i>	<i>2,497</i>	<i>11,498</i>	<i>1,862</i>
					8.0	4.3	5.9	5.1	1.8	8.2	1.8	4.2	0.7

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

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

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

\* **Estimated Rate:** Estimated injury rates are calculated using the July 1, 1999 census figures for the U.S. resident population.

# MECAP NEWS

Medical Examiners and Coroners Alert Project and Emergency Physicians Reporting System

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

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

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

*During the months of June, July, and August 2000, 986 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 on a mattress to sleep. Another mattress was placed at a 90-degree angle beside the first mattress to prevent the child from falling out of bed. The child was later found wedged between both mattresses. The cause of death was positional asphyxia. (Dolores Jones-Butler for Francisco Diaz, Medical Examiner, Philadelphia, PA)

A male, 2 months, was found face down on multiple blankets in a crib. The cause of death was asphyxiation. (Elizabeth Phillips for Edmund R. Donoghue, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, Cook County, Chicago, IL)

\*A male, 17 months, was left under the care of a teen-aged babysitter. The child's mother returned to find the child unresponsive on the floor. An investigation revealed a small balloon stuck in the child's throat. The cause of death was asphyxiation. (Rosemary Perrizo for Joe Grantham, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, Brown County, Green Bay, WI)

\*A male, 66, was driving his riding lawn mower up a steep incline into a shed. The lawn mower flipped over, and the steering wheel compressed his chest. The cause of death was asphyxia. (Janice J. Hessling, M.D., Ph.D., Medical Examiner, Guilford County, Greensboro, NC)

\*A male, 15 months, was choking and found by his mother. A toy building block was removed from his airway at the hospital, but the child went into cardiac arrest and died. The cause of death was asphyxia. (Jacqueline Dobbins for Edmund R. Donoghue, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, Cook County, Chicago, IL)

## CARBON MONOXIDE POISONINGS

A male, 32, was found dead in the camper of a pickup truck. An open-flame cooker that was being used for heating was found turned on with no fuel in the tank. The cause of death was carbon monoxide poisoning. (Alice Durr, Deputy Coroner, Dorchester County, Summerville, SC)

A female, 64, was found dead inside a tent at a camp grounds with an hibachi full of ashes. The cause of death was carbon monoxide poisoning. (Phillip E. Keen, M.D., Medical Examiner, Yavapai County, Prescott, AZ)

\*A male, 30, was found dead in his bedroom. A strong odor of natural gas was present, and the residence was heated with several natural gas space heaters. The heater in his bedroom was turned on, but the flame was out. The cause of death was carbon monoxide poisoning. (Jay Glass for Robert Brissie, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, Jefferson County, Birmingham, AL)

## DROWNINGS

\*A female, 11, was swimming in her neighbor's swimming pool when her hair was suctioned into the drain of the pool.



She was pinned to the bottom of the pool until her hair was cut and she was released. Fire-rescue efforts to resuscitate her en route to the hospital failed. The cause of death was drowning.

(Ray Fernandez, M.D., Medical Examiner, District 11, Dade County, Miami, FL)

A male, 11 months, crawled onto a back porch and slipped into a slick, plastic-inflated pool with twelve inches of water. His mother found him face down. The cause of death was drowning.

(R. M. Holloway for Frederic Phillips, M.D., Medical Examiner, Central District, Fredericksburg, VA)

A female, 10 months, was left unattended in the bathtub. Her three-year-old brother turned on the water. The mother returned to find the child unresponsive in the overflowing bathtub. The cause of death was drowning.

(Phillip E. Keen, M.D., Medical Examiner, Yavapai County, Prescott, AZ)

\*A male, 7 months, was placed in a bath seat in the bathtub. His mother left the room and returned a short time later to find the child face down in about two inches of water. The cause of death was drowning.

(Jay Glass for Robert Brissie, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, Jefferson County, Birmingham, AL)

A male, 18 months, was discovered unresponsive floating in an above-ground pool at his home. He was found under a solar pool cover. The cause of death was drowning.

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

A male, 2, was found unresponsive in the family swimming pool. He apparently had left his bedroom through a sliding glass door and entered the pool area through a damaged portion of the pool fence. The cause of death was drowning.

(Lance Davis, M.D., Medical Examiner, District 17, Broward County, Fort Lauderdale, FL)

A female, 11 months, was taking a bath with her 3-year-old brother. The mother left to get clean clothes and returned to find the child submerged in about 4 inches of water. The cause of death was drowning.

(Reinhard W. Motte, M.D., Medical Examiner, District 11, Dade County, Miami, FL)

#### ELECTROCUTIONS

A male, 21, was working on a light fixture on the enclosed back porch of his basement apartment. As he was working on the light fixture, the electricity to the apartment went out. The victim's wife went to look for him and found him lying on the floor with the light fixture next to him. She also found exposed wires in the wall. The cause of death was electrocution.

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

A male, 40, was discovered dead in the attic of his home. He touched a hot electrical wire while installing an electric ceiling fan. The cause of death was electrocution.

(Elizabeth Peacock, M.D., Deputy Medical Examiner, County of Travis, Austin, TX)

#### FIRES

A female, 6, died in a fire started by a candle. The candle was used as a nightlight in a bedroom shared by six children. The other children escaped the fire unharmed. The cause of death was inhalation of products of combustion.

(Joy Rizzitello for Warren E. Ruff, Sheriff-Coroner, Contra Costa County, Martinez, CA)

\*A male, 44, was severely burned when the propane barbecue grill he was lighting exploded. He died two months later. The cause of death was multiple organ failure.

(David R. Schomburg for Dr. Stephen Deroux, Deputy Chief Medical Examiner, New York, NY)

Two females, 52 and 2, were found dead in an apartment fire started by an extension cord to a space heater. The extension cord was made longer by splicing another extension cord to it. The cause of death for both females was smoke inhalation.

(Chris McNeil for Ira Kanfer, M.D., Associate Medical Examiner, Farmington, CT)

\*A female, 64, was found unresponsive in her home after the television caught on fire. The cause of death was complications due to smoke inhalation.

(David R. Schomburg for Susan F. Ely, M.D., Medical Examiner, New York, NY)

— *Denny Wierdak, Directorate for Epidemiology*



## CPSC Recalls

*The following product recalls were conducted by firms in cooperation with CPSC. For more information about recalls, visit CPSC's website at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov).*

**Product:** About 111,000 Gerry® TrailTech™ **backpack baby carriers**. The carriers were sold in color combinations of slate blue with teal trim, green with black trim, navy blue and purple with green trim, and blue and purple with silver trim. The carrier has a removable, washable seat, a storage pouch, a loading stand and a padded hip belt. Department and baby products stores nationwide sold these backpack carriers from January 1996 through July 2000 for about \$65.

**Problem:** Small infants can shift to one side, slip through the leg openings of these carriers and fall. CPSC and Hufco-Delaware have received four reports of infants slipping through the leg openings of these carriers. There were two reports of infants suffering fractured skulls, and two reports of infants suffering bumped heads when they fell to the ground.

**What to do:** Stop using these backpack carriers immediately and call Hufco-Delaware at **(800) 881-9176** anytime for a free repair kit that replaces the seat of the carrier with one that has smaller leg openings.

**Product:** About 1 million **caterpillar toys** by Child Guidance™, a division of JAKKS Pacific Inc. The Wiggle Waggle Caterpillar is a pull toy that plays four songs and various sounds. It has five balls attached to the toy's body by tightly wound springs. The two springs and balls on the caterpillar's head resemble antennas. The toy is about 10 inches long and is green with yellow oval wheels that cause it to wobble when it moves. The segments of the caterpillar's body have lights that flash to the music and sounds. Toy and discount department stores nationwide sold the caterpillar toys from May 1998 through June 2000 for about \$13.

**Problem:** Young children can choke on the small balls attached to these toys. CPSC has received one report of a 5-month old girl choking to death after one of the balls lodged in her throat. CPSC also received reports of two children starting to choke on a ball from this toy.

**What to do:** Take these toys away from young children immediately and send the toy back to the firm to receive another toy of similar value. The firm will pay postage costs. For more information, call Child Guidance™ at **(877) 586-1006** between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday or visit their website at [www.jakkspace.com/recall.html](http://www.jakkspace.com/recall.html).

**Product:** About 123,000 **nightlights** by The First Years Inc. The Elmo Nitelight shows the Sesame Street character Elmo hanging onto a green lamppost set on a blue background. It measures 4.25 inches long by 2.75 inches wide and fits over the entire standard outlet coverplate. "Henson" and "the first years" are imprinted on the back of the nightlights. Discount, drug, grocery and toy stores sold these nightlights from July 1997 through March 2000 for between \$5 and \$6.

**Problem:** The faceplate on these nightlights can be broken off exposing wiring and posing shock and electrocution hazards. CPSC and The First Years have received three reports of the faceplates on these nightlights breaking off, resulting in two 1-year-old girls and an adult receiving an electric shock when touching the exposed wires.

**What to do:** Immediately remove the "Elmo Nitelights" from their sockets and throw them away. If wires are exposed, turn off the power before removing. Consumers should contact The First Years to receive a free replacement nightlight at **(800) 533-6708** between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. ET Monday through Friday. Consumers can also write to The First Years, One Kiddie Drive, Avon, MA 02322-1171.

**Product:** About 70,000 **bicycle helmets** by Rand International. The recalled helmets are various models of the L.A. Cruisiner' bicycle hel-

metts sold in various child, youth and adult sizes. The youth and adult-sized helmets are white or black, and the child sizes are either blue or pink. A label inside the helmet reads, "Manufactured by Rand International," and "MADE IN CHINA." Kmart and Rose's stores nationwide sold these bicycle helmets from April 1999 through March 2000 for about \$8.

**Problem:** The bicycle helmets fail impact testing and labeling required under CPSC's Safety Standard for Bicycle Helmets, violating the Consumer Product Safety Act. Riders wearing these helmets are not properly protected from falls and could suffer severe head injuries. CPSC and Rand International are not aware of any injuries or incidents involving these products.

**What to do:** Stop wearing these bicycle helmets immediately and return them to Rand International for a free replacement helmet. For more information, contact Rand International at **(800) 338-7677** between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or write to Rand International, Attention: Customer Service Dept., 51 Executive Blvd., Farmingdale, NY 11735-4718.

**Product:** About 310,000 **toys** included with **Kids Meals** by Fazoli's Management Inc. The Pasta Pal toy is a blue plastic, barrel-shaped container with three small, red plastic tomatoes and three yellow plastic ravioli figures inside. Children can empty the figures out of the container and link them to form a chain. Fazoli's restaurants nationwide included the Pasta Pals toys with Fazoli's Kids Meals from January 2000 through August 2000.

**Problem:** The bottom of the container can fit over a child's nose and mouth, which could pose a suffocation hazard to children under 3 years of age. Fazoli's has received one report of a child putting the container over his mouth. No injuries have been reported.

**What to do:** Immediately take the barrel-shaped container away from young children. Discard the container or return it to Fazoli's restaurant for a free Italian Lemon Ice. For more information, consumers can call Fazoli's toll-free at **(877) 401-7408** anytime or visit the firm's website at <http://fazolis.com/recall.html>.

**Product:** About 2.5 million **swings** by Fisher-Price. The Lift and Lock Swing is an outdoor swing for children 9 months to 3 years. The swings have a red or purple plastic seat, yellow "T"-shaped restraint shield and blue ropes. The swings have model numbers 2092, 75960, 75970, 75973 or 75980 molded into the back part of the seat. Mass merchandise, juvenile products and discount department stores sold these swings from January 1991 through August 2000 for about \$19.

**Problem:** Children can maneuver out of the restraints and fall out of the swings resulting in serious injuries. Fisher-Price has received 110 reports of children falling out of the swings. Eight children suffered serious injuries including a fractured skull, leg, arm and two collarbones, two concussions and stitches to the forehead. Thirty children received minor injuries including bumps, bruises and scrapes.

**What to do:** Stop using the swings immediately. Call Fisher-Price toll-free at **(800) 343-1502** anytime to receive a free repair kit with a supplemental waist and crotch restraint belt. Consumers can also visit the Fisher-Price website at [www.fisher-price.com](http://www.fisher-price.com) for more information.

**Product:** About 246,000 **walkers** by Fisher-Price. The Get Up & Go Walker is a three-sided push toy that looks like a car and is designed for children to support themselves as they are learning to stand and walk. The walker is white with blue sides and has activities such as a rotating mirror/phone, toy windshield wiper and steering wheel with a yellow horn. The Fisher-Price logo is located on the outside of the toy between the headlight decorations. Models with a front bar for babies to grasp and/or a green windshield wiper are included in the recall. Fisher-Price will help consumers determine if they have a recalled product.

**Problem:** Young children leaning forward on the front of the toys can tip them over and fall. Also, the windshield wipers on some of the toys can injure young children when they fall. Fisher-Price has received 330 reports of children falling while using or near the product. A total of 132 children received injuries such as bumps, bruises, scratches and cuts.

What to do: Stop children from using the toys immediately and call Fisher-Price toll-free at **(800) 343-1502** anytime for a free repair kit that will eliminate the front bar and windshield wiper. Consumers can visit the Fisher-Price website at [www.fisher-price.com](http://www.fisher-price.com) for more information.

Product: About 46,000 **bassinets** by Kids Line Inc. The bassinets were sold under the name "Le Cradle Bassinette" and have a white metal base with wheels. The oval bassinet itself is made up of a wire frame and a wooden base board that rests on the metal base. A fabric-covered foam mattress covers the wooden board and a matching fabric covers the bassinet frame. The bassinet fabric comes in various colors and designs. Children's products stores nationwide sold the bassinets from January 1989 through May 2000 for between \$100 and \$200.

Problem: Infants can become entrapped in an opening between the bassinet's side and mattress platform and suffocate. Additionally, fabric can separate from the metal frame. Infants can be injured when they scrape against or become caught in the frame. Kids Line has received one report of a 3-month old who died when he suffocated after becoming trapped between the bassinet's side and mattress platform. Three other infants were scraped and bruised from contact with the metal frame that became exposed when the fabric separated from the frame.

What to do: Stop using the bassinets immediately and contact Kids Line for a free in-home repair kit. Consumers should call Kids Line toll-free at **(866) LECRADL (532-7235)** anytime.

Product: About 91,000 **go-karts** by Manco Products Inc. These one-and two-seat go-karts are powered by gasoline engines and were sold under the Manco, Phoenix, Fox, Rattler and Coyote labels. The recall involves two groups of go-karts. The first group has black plastic deck covers over the rear axle and brake. Their serial numbers are within the following ranges: 1757022 through 1855821, and 3000010 through 3050632. The second group has a cross-over jackshaft drive system with serial numbers lower than 1757022. All the go-karts have a black serial number on a silver label located on the floor pan immediately in front of the driver's seat. Outdoor power equipment dealers, specialty, discount, hardware, automotive parts supply and agricultural supply stores, and motorcycle dealers sold the go-karts nationwide from January 1983 through July 2000 for between \$600 and \$2,000.

Problem: The go-karts have guards designed to help prevent entanglements, but riders' long hair or loose clothing still can become entangled in partially exposed rotating components behind the driver's seats causing death or serious injury. Manco Products has received a report of one death and two reports of serious injuries when teenage girls' long hair became entangled in the rotating components.

What to do: Stop using these go-karts immediately and call Manco for a free repair kit with instructions for easy installation. Consumers also can contact any Manco dealer to get free installation of the repair kit. For more information, call Manco at **(800) 293-0795** between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's website at <http://www.mancoprod.com/recall.htm>.

Product: About 425,000 **Kids Meal toys** by KFC Corporation. The Tangled Treeples toys were included with KFC Kids Meals. The toy's green, plastic container has trees molded on the outside. Inside are seven "Tangled Treeples" animal figures, including a monkey, owl, snake, raccoon and bear. Children can empty the animals out of the container and link them to form a chain. Writing on the outside of the container reads, "Treeples™" and "Made in China."

Problem: The bottom of the container can fit over a child's nose and mouth, which could pose a suffocation hazard to children under three years of age. A 19-month-old girl reportedly had the Tangled Treeples container stuck over her face causing her distress. When her mother removed the container, there was a red mark on the child's face.

What to do: Immediately take the green plastic container away from children under the age of three. They should discard the container or return it to any KFC restaurant for an individual-sized side item such as macaroni and cheese. For more information, consumers can call KFC at **(800) CALL-KFC** anytime or visit the KFC website at <http://www.kfc.com/SAFETY.htm>.

Product: About 13,600 **All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs)** by Polaris Industries. The recall includes some model year 1999 Scrambler, Sport and Xplorer 400 ATVs, and some model year 2000 Scrambler and Xplorer 400 ATVs. "Polaris" and the model name are written on both sides of the ATV. Polaris dealers will help consumers determine if their ATV is part of this recall. Polaris ATV dealers nationwide sold these ATVs from December 1998 through July 2000 for between \$4,800 and \$5,900.

Problem: The throttles on these ATVs can stick preventing the ATV from slowing down when released. This can cause the vehicle to lose control and crash, resulting in severe injury or death. Polaris has received 26 reports of problems with the throttles on these ATVs. There have been 17 reports of crashes resulting in six consumers suffering injuries.

What to do: Stop using these ATVs immediately. Registered owners of the recalled Polaris ATVs were notified by mail about the recall and also will be contacted by their dealer to schedule a free ATV repair. Consumer should contact their local ATV dealer to get more information about the recall. To locate their local dealer, consumers should call Polaris at **(800) POLARIS** between 7 a.m. and 2 a.m. ET Monday through Friday, and between 8 a.m. and 12 a.m. ET Saturday and Sunday. Or, go to [www.polarisindustries.com/aslPolaris/warranty/warrantyRecalls.asp?article=00ATVRECA2692&area=](http://www.polarisindustries.com/aslPolaris/warranty/warrantyRecalls.asp?article=00ATVRECA2692&area=) to access the company's website.

Product: About 170,000 **baby walkers** by Safety 1st Inc. The Mobile "4 Wheelin" Walker is intended for babies 6 months old until the age they begin to walk. The walker has a green body and includes a three-spoke steering wheel with squeaking horn, clicking keys, two rearview mirrors and a phone with electronic ring. Only model numbers 45701, 45701A and 45701B, written underneath the walker tray, are part of this recall. Mass merchandise, juvenile products and major discount department stores nationwide sold the walkers from April 1998 through April 1999 for about \$50. This recall does not include walkers with model numbers 45701C, 45701D, 45704 or 45705. These models have different steering wheel and phone designs.

Problem: Babies can lose their lower teeth when their teeth are caught in parts of the three-spoke steering wheels. Also, on some of these walkers, the telephone could break apart releasing small parts and posing a choking hazard. Safety 1st has received eight reports of babies catching their teeth in the three-spoke steering wheels. Six babies lost lower front teeth. There are also 44 reports of the telephone button loosening. One 6-month old baby girl gagged on a telephone button from a phone that came apart.

What to do: Stop using the walkers immediately and contact Safety 1st to receive a free replacement steering wheel and electronic telephone with installation instructions. To order repair kits, call Safety 1st at **(800) 964-8489** between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or write to Consumer Relations Dept., Safety 1st Inc., 45 Dan Road, Canton, MA 02021.

Product: About 229,000 **juice extractors** by American LLC. The Betty Crocker juice extractor is model number 1480 which is written underneath the unit as part of a mark that reads "BC-1480 Juice Extractor." Kmart stores nationwide sold these juice extractors from September 1992 through June 1995 for about \$21.

Problem: The juice extractor's filter and lid can break apart and project metal and plastic into the air causing injuries to nearby consumers. Appliance Co. of America has received 17 reports of the juice extractors' filters and lids breaking apart. Six consumers suffered minor cuts to their hands and arms.

What to do: Stop using the juice extractors immediately and contact Appliance Co. of America for instructions on returning the units for a refund. Call Appliance Co. of America at **(800) 872-1656** between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. CT Monday through Friday.

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