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MEMORANDUM

DATE : March 7, 2000
TO : EP
Through: *S. Dunn* Sadye E. Dunn, Secretary
FROM : Martha Kosh
SUBJECT: Petition Requesting Requirements for Buckles on
Child-Restraint Systems on Various Children's
Products

ATTACHED ARE COMMENTS ON THE CH 00-2

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CH00-1-1

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February 11, 2000

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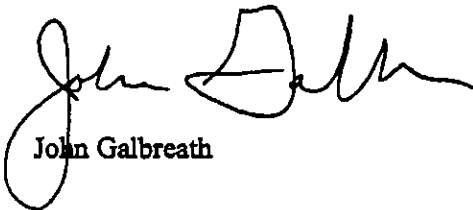
Subject: Petition HP00-1, Petition for Child-Restraint Systems

Dear CPSC:

In further support of my subject petition, I wanted to bring to your attention the attached article excerpt in which a mother talks about how easily her daughter defeats restraint system buckles and the danger that poses.

The article helps to illustrate that this problem is not at all unusual -- rather, it's commonly experienced by many parents and other caregivers. As I run across similar articles, I'll forward them to you.

Sincerely,



John Galbreath

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LENGTH: 927 words

HEADLINE: Toddler torments Accidents are top threat to child

SERIES: CHILDREN

BYLINE: Penni Crabtree
Penni Crabtree is a free-lance writer.

BODY:

Megan Duncanson is a normal, healthy, active 22-month-old toddler -- and that's pretty much the problem.

At 19 months, Megan learned to unbuckle her car seat and stroller seat belts. One of her first acts of shaky-legged independence was to tumble down a flight of stairs. And then there was the time she managed to take a spill from a shopping cart, though she was in a safety seat.

"At first, your baby is just this loaf that lies there," said Karen Duncanson, Megan's often anxious mother. "Then the baby starts advancing through all these stages, and you find yourself hopping around all the time to make sure they're OK.

"I'm not so much worried about mumps, measles and chicken pox -- it's the accidents," said Duncanson, 32, of Carlsbad. "Megan's really exploring now and has no fear, which means I have a lot."

Duncanson's fears are well founded. Though ranked only fifth on the list of leading causes of death among infants, accidents rise to the top of the chart after a child's first year, according to county statistics. Throughout childhood, accidents kill or seriously impair more children than any single disease or chronic health condition.

"In the 1930s, the leading cause of death was diarrhea, because we didn't understand then what we know now about fluids and electrolyte management," said Dr. Buzz Kaufman, director of inpatient services at Children's Hospital. "Since then, science has done a lot to prevent or cure illness; now accidents, and often very preventable accidents, are taking a toll."

For parents like Karen and Rob Duncanson, child safety issues are a priority. The Duncansons attended a child safety class, which taught them, among other things, to install gates around the fireplace, covers over

the electrical outlets and child-proof locks on all the doors.

These and other home safety measures will help ensure a healthy toddler, pediatricians agree. But as children get older, and venture more into the outside world, other safety concerns arise.

Children should be drilled in bicycle safety, water safety, and fire and burn prevention. As they take up sports, kids need to use the appropriate helmets, pads and other safety gear. And always, seat belts and child car seats used properly will go a long way toward reducing child mortality, experts agree.

Keeping children on their immunization schedule -- shots run through 2 years of age, with boosters as children enter school -- will also help preserve a child's health, local pediatricians said.

Yet parents should expect their children to get their share of common infections and ailments through the toddler years. By age 4 or 5, most children have developed immunities that will see them through school.

"A lot of new parents don't understand it's common for kids to have one or two infections a month for the first couple of years of life," said Dr. Dick Buchta, head of the division of pediatric and adolescent medicine at Scripps Clinic. "It is a natural thing."

Children should see their pediatricians regularly until age 2, and at least annually as they grow older for developmental screening purposes, Buchta said.

"Kids between ages 5 and 10 are very healthy, healthy physically and, if brought up well, healthy psychologically," Buchta said. "Five or 10 percent of the childhood population may have problems, but for the most part they won't be major problems."

Though most kids suffer few serious ailments during childhood, behavioral and developmental problems -- such as attention deficit hyperactivity disorder -- may manifest or become recognized as they enter school.

Those problems need to be addressed, but parents and teachers should be cautious about looking for a "quick medical fix," Buchta said.

"Sometimes it is easier to prescribe medicine than take time to find out what is really happening with a child," Buchta said. "We're tending to medicate our population of kids more than is healthy; it's hard for me to believe that 10 or 15 percent of kids need to be on some medication in order to function at school -- and the percentage is that high in some populations."

Good nutrition and exercise remain vital to a child's well-being, said local pediatricians. Studies show that children are heavier than their counterparts a generation ago, and now more than 30 percent of school-age youngsters are overweight.

Parents should provide children with appropriate amounts and kinds of food, as well as encourage physical activity. Food preferences are developed early in life, so parents need to push healthy food choices.

At some point, depending on a child's rate of physical and emotional growth, parents may want to consider sending their child to a physician with expertise in adolescent medicine, said some health professionals.

Girls can enter puberty as early as 8, though the average girl begins to develop at 10, and to menstruate at 12. Boys begin developing as early as 9, though most aren't fully developed until 15.

So how does a parent gauge the time is right to seek a different medical approach for their child?

"I like to say, somewhat facetiously, between the ages of 11 and 13, or when a kid starts smoking cigarettes -- which ever comes first," said Dr. Lawrence Friedman, chief of adolescent medicine at UCSD. "The latter definition is a behavioral one, but that is the point.

"A lot of health-care issues for adolescents are related to their social behavior, and at some point youngsters should be seen by someone with expertise in teen-agers."

GRAPHIC: 1 PHOTO; Karen Duncanson buckles her daughter, Megan, into her car seat in the back of the family car. Science has helped reduce many problems related to childhood disease, so safeguarding the health of a youngster means that parents need to concentrate on accident prevention.

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February 16, 2000

Office of the Secretary
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Dear Sir or Madam:

I have read John Galbrath's petition to initiate a new rule that will set the standard for child resistance in the buckles used in child restraint systems. I believe his data is most impressive and would like to support his petition for the CPSC to investigate the development of such a standard.

Please feel free to contact me, should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Frances Wallach, Ed.D., CLP, CTRS, CPSI

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Stevenson, Todd A.

C400-2-3

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Subject: Petition HP-00-1

** High Priority **

** Reply Requested by 2/23/2000 (Wednesday) **

To whom it may concern: I am sending you this note in support of the child restraint system petition mentioned above. I have had numerous experience where my 18 month old daughter has gotten out of a shopping cart restraint either by wiggling out or unlatching the belt, which is done within seconds after turning my back. Please take a look at this problem and considered changing the standard to which these restraints and others like it apply.

~~Stevenson, Todd A~~

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From: "Ouffoue (Allig) Susan" <souffoue@archdpdx.org> at INTERNET-MAIL
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Subject: Petition HP-00-1 Petition for Child Restraint Systems

I would definitely like to see safer child restraint buckles in
strollers,
hair chairs, shopping carts etc.

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Stevenson, Todd A.

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From: <DianeGore@aol.com> at INTERNET-MAIL
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I would like to say that I have had problems with my children opening car seat latches and wriggling out of shopping cart and high chair restraints.
Something definitely needs to change!

~~Stevenson, Todd A.~~

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From: "Steve Lisa & Justin Kaukonen" <celtic3@prodigy.net> at INTERNET-MAIL
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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to give my opinion that child buckles on strollers, shopping carts, etc. be made child-resistant. The number of accidents are alarming! We need to protect our children.

Thank you,

Lisa Kaukonen

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March 6, 2000

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Subject: Comments on Petition HP-00-1, Petition for Child-Restraint Systems

The subject petition, from John A. Galbreath, "requests that the CPSC initiate a new rule requiring that the buckles used to fasten child restraint systems in various products meet a child-resistance standard." The petitioner claims that the lack of a standard for child resistant buckles is a contributing factor in many injuries that occur when children fall out of these products. The products the petitioner seeks to be within the scope of the requested rule include strollers, high chairs, changing stations, shopping carts, and the like.

In part, the petitioner provides support for his request by citing a 1997 report¹ that evaluated the child resistance of three styles of stroller belt buckles. The report concluded that some buckles on stroller restraint systems may provide false security to parents and caretakers since they do not have to meet any performance standard regarding child resistance. At the time the report was published, I was the Chief Engineer for Children's Products at the CPSC and the author of the report. Dr. Marcella Ridenour, sent me several copies. After reading Dr. Ridenour's conclusions, I requested a search of CPSC incident data files to determine if there were any reports of incidents or injuries associated with the ability of a stroller occupant to operate the release mechanism of the restraint buckles and thereby fall out. Printouts from NEISS, IPII, INDP and DTHS files (copies enclosed) for the period 1/93 to 1/12/98 revealed the following:

NEISS (3 entries) – Comments made no mention that injuries were associated with buckle release by the occupant.

IPII (11 entries) – Five entries mentioned buckle release but none stated that the release was initiated by the occupant.

INDP (4 entries, 2 of which were incidents reported in IPII file) – Two incidents reported buckle release but neither stated that the release was initiated by the occupant.

DTHS – No entries.

¹ Marcella V. Ridenour, "How Child-Resistant Are Stroller Belt Buckles?", *Perceptual and Motor Skills*, 1997, 84, 611-616.

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In the absence of reports to the CPSC regarding an occupant's ability to release a buckle on a stroller restraining system, CPSC staff did not further pursue Dr. Ridenour's allegation that "some buckles on stroller restraint systems may provide false security to parents and other caretakers."

Petition HP-00-1 was accompanied by incident data covering the time period 7/31/98 to 7/31/99 that was stated to have been obtained from CPSC's NEISS and other data bases. The data summarized 23 incidents in which children fell out of strollers (6 incidents), high chairs (6 incidents) and shopping carts (11 incidents). In 13 of the incidents, "verbatim comments" provided by the petitioner stated that a restrained occupant released the buckle of the restraining straps. I would like to request a copy of the CPSC data that was provided to the petitioner that, in part, is used as evidence to support his request for a new rule for the buckles of child restraint systems on certain products to have a double-action release mechanism.

Sincerely,



John D. Preston, P.E.

Enclosure

JAN 1993 - JAN 12 1998 SEARCH FOR STROLLER BUCKLE INCIDENTS
 NATIONAL ELECTRONIC INJURY SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM (NEISS)
 U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
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11:23 Monday, January 12, 1998

*PRODUCT 1522 BABY STROLLERS

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940705	209	F	LACR	MOUTH	1	1	0	2	0000	0	4	
940729	201	F	I-O-I	HEAD	1	1	0	2	0000	0	5	
961110	221	M	FRACT	U/ARM	1	1	0	2	0000	0	3	

PT REPORTEDLY BITTING BUCKLE ON STROLLER CUTTING GUM AND LT FRONT TEETH,
 LACERATION/ DENTAL INJURY
 PT BUCKLED IN STROLLER OUTSIDE OF HOUSE WHICH TIPPED OVER A CURB
 STRUCK HEAD ON GROUND, MINOR HEAD TRAUMA/ CONUSION
 FX (L) U. ARM (Humerus), MOTHER SIS PT JUST INJURY WITH THE STROLL
 ER BUCKLET @ HOME.

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REPORTED INCIDENTS
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- 1 19549025A 9701011 DATE RECV/ISSUE: 951017 / 3
DATE ENTERED : 951030
AGE/SEX : 216 / F DISP
1ST PRODUCT : 1522 BABY STROLLERS
NARRATIVE : WHEN BUCKLES CONNECTING BACK OF STROLLER CAME UNDONE A 14 MONTH OLD FEMALE LEANED FORWARD IN STROLLER, CAUSING HER TO FALL AND SPLIT HER L IP AND BRUISED HER CHEEK.
TYPE CONTACT: CONSUMER COMPLAINT CONFIRMED:
CITY/STATE : SAN DIEGO, CA HAZARD: FALLS
WORK RELATED: N
MFR/MOD: SPECIUM JUVENILE PRODUCT, INC / STYLE 4355M
- 2 19760071A 970605 DATE RECV/ISSUE: 970609 / 37
DATE ENTERED : 970623
AGE/SEX : 206 / M DISP
1ST PRODUCT : 1522 BABY STROLLERS
NARRATIVE : 6 MONTH OLD BOY SECURED IN STROLLER AND A HARNES BUCKLE IN HIS MOUTH. BUCKLES SLIDE RIGHT OFF. NO INJURY.
TYPE CONTACT: CONSUMER COMPLAINT CONFIRMED: Y
CITY/STATE : ACTON, MA
WORK RELATED: N
MFR/MOD: EMHALJUNGA / 17204-726 HAZARD: SUFFOCATION OR STRANGULATION
- 3 19760110A 970612 DATE RECV/ISSUE: 970612 / 37
DATE ENTERED : 970624
AGE/SEX : 215 / F DISP
1ST PRODUCT : 1522 BABY STROLLERS
NARRATIVE : 15 MONTH OLD GIRL FELL OUT OF STROLLER WHEN WAIST STRAP DETACHED FROM BUCKLE. SHE BRUISED HER LEFT LEG.
TYPE CONTACT: CONSUMER COMPLAINT CONFIRMED: M
CITY/STATE : ST. LOUIS, MO
WORK RELATED: N HAZARD: FALLS
MFR/MOD: BABY TREND / 1415W
- 4 19380010A 930000 DATE RECV/ISSUE: 931122 / 8
DATE ENTERED : 931213
AGE/SEX : 000 / F DISP
1ST PRODUCT : 1522 BABY STROLLERS
NARRATIVE : A CHILD WAS NEARLY INJURED IN A FALL FROM A STROLLER WHEN THE WHEELS BUCKLED.
TYPE CONTACT: CONSUMER COMPLAINT CONFIRMED:
CITY/STATE : CLIFTON, NJ HAZARD: FALLS
WORK RELATED: N
MFR/MOD: COMBI INTERNATIONAL / M-701
- 5 19490188A 940914 DATE RECV/ISSUE: 940926 / 52
DATE ENTERED : 941018
AGE/SEX : 211 / F DISP
1ST PRODUCT : 1522 BABY STROLLERS
NARRATIVE : A 11 MONTH OLD FEMALE WAS SLIGHTLY INJURED WHEN SHE GOT HER FINGER C AUGHT IN THE WAIST STRAP BUCKLE ON A THIN STROLLER.
TYPE CONTACT: CONSUMER COMPLAINT CONFIRMED: M
CITY/STATE : SEA GIRT, NJ HAZARD: SUFFOCATION OR STRANGULATION
WORK RELATED: N
MFR/MOD: INGLESINA/INGLESINA / 000
- 6 19790264A 970921 DATE RECV/ISSUE: 970930 / 1
DATE ENTERED : 971017
AGE/SEX : 002 / F DISP
1ST PRODUCT : 1522 BABY STROLLERS
NARRATIVE : WHEELS FELL OFF A TANDEM BABY STROLLER DURING USE ON A SIDEWALK AT A BUCKLE. STROLLER IS USED FOR 9 MONTH OLD MALE AND 2 YEAR OLD FEMALE. NO INJURY
TYPE CONTACT: CONSUMER COMPLAINT CONFIRMED:
CITY/STATE : FREEMO, NJ HAZARD: OTHER
WORK RELATED: N
MFR/MOD: JOLLY JUMPER / MM 1906-65
- 7 19560055A 950421 DATE RECV/ISSUE: 950627 / 39
DATE ENTERED : 950714
AGE/SEX : 203 / M DISP
1ST PRODUCT : 1522 BABY STROLLERS
2ND PRODUCT : 1842 STAIRS OR STEPS
NARRATIVE : A 3 MONTH OLD MALE WAS BUMPED ON HIS HEAD IN A FALL FROM A STROLLER O NTO STEPS AFTER A STRAP BUCKLE DETACHED.
TYPE CONTACT: CONSUMER COMPLAINT CONFIRMED: Y
CITY/STATE : BROOKLYN, NY HAZARD: FALLS
WORK RELATED: N
MFR/MOD: DAUST JUVENILE PRODUCTS INC/AP / M-601
- 8 19780057A 970814 DATE RECV/ISSUE: 970808 / 48
DATE ENTERED : 970819
AGE/SEX : 209 / F DISP
1ST PRODUCT : 1522 BABY STROLLERS
NARRATIVE : 9 MONTH OLD GIRL RECEIVED AN ABRASION AND BUMP TO HER FOREHEAD AFTER FALLING FACE FIRST OUT HER STROLLER ONTO GRAVEL. UMBRELLA STROLLER'S BUCKLE DISENGAGED WHILE IT WAS PULLED.
TYPE CONTACT: CONSUMER COMPLAINT CONFIRMED: Y
CITY/STATE : MCCONNELLSVILLE, OH HAZARD: FALLS
WORK RELATED: N
MFR/MOD: AVALON PRODUCTS, INC. / AVALON / QT-2046

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- 9 H9780221A
DATE INCIDENT : 970825
AGE/SEX : 206 / M
1ST PRODUCT : 1522 BABY STROLLERS
NARRATIVE : THE WALIST STRAP BUCKLE UNLOCKED WITH EASE ON A BABY STROLLER UNDER CAP DURING USE BY A 6 MONTH OLD MALE. NO INJURY.
DATE RCY/ISSUE : 970828 / 48
DATE ENTERED : 970911
DISP : 0
TYPE CONTACT : CONSUMER COMPLAINT CONFIRMED: M
CITY/STATE : WARRENTON, VA
WORK RELATED: N
HAZARD: FALLS
HFR/MOD: CENTURY / 11-171JUL
- 10 G9750172A
DATE INCIDENT : 960611
AGE/SEX : 213 / F
1ST PRODUCT : 1522 BABY STROLLERS
NARRATIVE : A 33 MONTH OLD FEMALE SUFFERED SEVERE FACIAL ABRASIONS WHEN A HINGE ON HER STROLLER SUDDENLY FAILED AND THE SEAT FLIPPED OVER BACKWARDS AND FATHER FELL OVER IT. THE INFANT WAS BUCKLED IN.
DATE RCY/ISSUE : 970606 / 36
DATE ENTERED : 970610
DISP : UNK
TYPE CONTACT : GOVERNMENT REFERRAL CONFIRMED:
CITY/STATE : SUPERIOR, WI
WORK RELATED: N
HAZARD: FALLS
HFR/MOD: CENTURY PRODUCTS CO/FOUR -IN-ONE / 11570
- 11 H9590061A
DATE INCIDENT : 950800
AGE/SEX : 000 / Y
1ST PRODUCT : 1522 BABY STROLLERS
NARRATIVE : THE BUCKLE ON THE SAFETY STRAP IN A STOLLER BECAME UNSTITCHED. NO IN JURY.
DATE RCY/ISSUE : 950911 / 50
DATE ENTERED : 950928
DISP : 0
TYPE CONTACT : CONSUMER COMPLAINT CONFIRMED: M
CITY/STATE : RIPLEY, WV
WORK RELATED: N
HAZARD: SUFFOCATION OR STRANGULATION
HFR/MOD: MOTIVE SPORTS/JOGSETE /

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11:22 Monday, January 12, 1998

1 930519CAE5161
 DATE ACCIDENT : 930512
 AGE/SEX : 211 / M
 1ST PRODUCT : 1522 BABY STROLLERS
 NARRATIVE : THE SPITTING CAME COMPLETELY OUT OF THE BUCKLE ON THE SAFETY RESTRAINT, THEREBY ENABLING THE 11 MONTH OLD MALE CHILD TO STAND IN THE STROLLER AND ULTIMATELY FALL OUT ONTO CONCRETE, FACE FIRST.

93050041 SOURCE : 930720
 DATE ENTERED : UNK
 TYPE : 99
 CITY/STATE : SOUTH WINDSOR, CT
 DIAGNOSIS : LACERATION
 MFR/MOD : KOLCRAFT PRODUCTS INC. / MOEL 16132-PGK
 STATUS : C
 LOCATION : HOME

2 950608CCN2183
 DATE ACCIDENT : 950523
 AGE/SEX : 206 / F
 1ST PRODUCT : 1522 BABY STROLLERS
 NARRATIVE : A 6 MONTHS OLD FEMALE SUSTAINED A BUMP TO HER HEAD WHEN THE COLLAPSIBLE STROLLER SEAT BELT BUCKLE SEPERATED FROM THE STRAP WHILE THE VICTIM WAS IN THE STROLLER, ALLOWING HER TO FALL FORWARD AND BUMP HER HEAD ON A TABLE AND FLOOR. MEDICAL ATTENTION WAS NOT SOUGHT

95050315A SOURCE : CONSUMER COMPLAINT
 DATE ENTERED : 950808
 TYPE : 99
 CITY/STATE : WABASH, IN
 DIAGNOSIS : CONTUSIONS, ABR.
 MFR/MOD : BIG SAVE CO. / CT 501-502
 STATUS : C
 LOCATION : HEAD

3 950621CHE5408
 DATE ACCIDENT : 950606
 AGE/SEX : 223 / M
 1ST PRODUCT : 1522 BABY STROLLERS
 NARRATIVE : A 7 MONTH OLD MALE WAS IN HIS STROLLER AND WAS RESTRAINED BY A PLASTIC WAIST CROTCH STRAP. BOTH ENDS OF THE RESTRAINING STRAP CAME TOGETHER WITH A SNAP BUCKLE CONSISTING OF INTERLOCKING PIECES. THE INFANT WAS BEING CARRIED IN THE STROLLER, DOWN STAIRS. WHEN THE STRAP BUCKLE FAILED, RELEASING THE CHILD AND CAUSING HIM TO FALL OUT AND ONTO STAIRS. ONLY INJURY WAS A BUMP ON THE HEAD WHICH WAS HEALED.

95060035A SOURCE : CONSUMER COMPLAINT
 DATE ENTERED : 950809
 TYPE : 99
 CITY/STATE : BROOKLYN, NY
 DIAGNOSIS : CONTUSIONS, ABR.
 MFR/MOD : DAUNT JUVENILE PROD. INC. / APOLO M#401
 STATUS : C
 LOCATION : HEAD

4 970814CCN0505
 DATE ACCIDENT : 970722
 AGE/SEX : 209 / F
 1ST PRODUCT : 1532 BABY STROLLERS
 NARRATIVE : A CHILD FELL FACE FIRST OUT OF A STROLLER. THE SNAP TYPE BUCKLE APPARENTLY UNSNAPPED. THE CHILD RECEIVED A MINOR ABRASION AND CONTUSION TO THE FOREHEAD.

9780057A SOURCE : CONSUMER COMPLAINT
 DATE ENTERED : 971117
 TYPE : OTHER
 CITY/STATE : MCCONNELSVILLE, OH
 DIAGNOSIS : CONTUSIONS, ABR.
 MFR/MOD : AYALON PRODUCTS, INC. / 81206C APR 23, 1996
 STATUS : C
 LOCATION : FACE

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MESSAGE:

Attached are comments to Petition HP-00-1, Petition for Child-Restraint Systems.

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It appalls me to see the number of serious accidents that are occurring every year, and yet nothing has been done to remedy this situation. Please, for our children's sake, please make the safety belts childproof. Children are a lot smarter than we think, and they figure things out easily. The current standard safety belts are just too simple. My son learned how to buckle it when he was only 1 1/2 years old!

Sincerely,
A Concerned Parent,
Kathy Lehman

Stevenson, Todd A.

CH 00-3-9

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Subject: child restraints



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I would like to see child restraints become child proof on strollers, car seats and especially shopping carts, and restaurant high chairs. These are very dangerous for children and with a small adjustment, they could be alot safer for everyone involved. Thanks Jennifer Beard