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## Burn Center Reporting System

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) recently launched the National Burn Center Reporting System to enhance its collection of clothing-related burn data involving children under 15.

Approximately 110 burn centers nationwide will report to CPSC incidents involving the ignition, melting, or smoldering of clothing worn by children. As incidents are reported, CPSC staff will conduct follow-up investigations and, when possible, collect the garments involved.

Developed in cooperation with the American Burn Association and Shriners Hospitals for Children, the new reporting system will supplement CPSC's National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS). NEISS collects injury data related to consumer products from a sample of U.S. hospital emergency departments across the country.

Complementing this effort, the National Association of State Fire Marshals, the National Fire Prevention Association, the National Volunteer Fire Council, and the National Fire Information Council are working cooperatively with CPSC to retrieve and preserve children's clothing involved in burn injuries for sample collection and CPSC investigation.

### Injury and Death Data

According to CPSC's NEISS, an estimated 15,165 children under 15 years old were treated for clothing-related thermal burn injuries in U.S. hospital emergency rooms from 1990 through 2001 (or approximately 1,264 children a year).

A CPSC analysis of National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) data for 1970 through 1999 found that thermal burn fatalities in the U.S. from all types of clothing declined sharply during the 1970s. For children under 15, there were 60 deaths in 1970, 15 in 1975, 7 in 1980, and 6 or fewer each year from 1981 to 1999. For children younger than 5, deaths decreased from 27 in 1970 to no more than 3 annually in recent years.

### Special Study

From 1993 through 2001, CPSC staff completed about 300 in-depth investigations of clothing-related thermal burn cases involving children under 15. The review found that:

- The average victim's age was 7, with the highest clothing-related burn injury frequencies occurring in children ages 3, 4, and 5.
- Males accounted for 74% of the clothing-related burn victims.

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- The types of garments most frequently involved were T-shirts and shirts. T-shirts were involved in 25% of the cases investigated, followed by shirts (21%), pants (8%), jeans (7%), dresses and sweaters/sweat-shirts (5% each).
  - The most common sources of ignition were cigarette lighters (28%), matches (11%), ranges (10%), and candles (9%).
- Catherine E. Downs and Debra Sweet, Directorate for Epidemiology

### For More Information

The data being collected by the National Burn Center Reporting System will be available to the public through CPSC's National Injury Information Clearinghouse. To contact the Clearinghouse, visit [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov) or e-mail CPSC staff at [clearinghouse@cpsc.gov](mailto:clearinghouse@cpsc.gov).

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## NEISS On-line

Getting national estimates of consumer product-related injuries has just been made easier.

CPSC is making available through its website a query system that will allow users to retrieve this information anytime from CPSC's National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS).

NEISS is a national probability sample of hospitals in the U.S. and its territories. Patient information is collected from each NEISS hospital for every emergency visit involving an injury associated with consumer products. From this sample, the total number of product-related injuries treated in hospital emergency rooms nationwide can be estimated.

### Accessing NEISS

To use this system, go to [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov). Click on "Library" and "NEISS On-line." Then, proceed to fill in the form with the specifics of your request. The system can help you retrieve the following information:

- Date (e.g., how many injuries were treated in 1996).
- Product (e.g., how many bicycle injuries occurred).
- Sex (e.g., how many injuries occurred to women).
- Age (e.g., how many injuries occurred to people ages 35 to 55).
- Diagnosis (e.g., how many lacerations occurred).

- Disposition (e.g., how many people were treated in and released from the hospital emergency department).
- Locale (e.g., how many injuries occurred at a school).
- Body part (e.g., how many injuries involved the knee).

For example, you might want to know how many males between the ages of 50 and 70 were treated in U.S. hospital emergency rooms between February 1999 and October 1999 for injuries associated with using a ladder at home. The response would include the actual number of cases/injuries in the NEISS sample and an estimate for the entire nation.

The website also includes substantial background information on requesting and interpreting the estimates. Additional assistance is available by e-mailing: [clearinghouse@cpsc.gov](mailto:clearinghouse@cpsc.gov).

— Arthur K. McDonald, Directorate for Epidemiology

# NEISS Data Highlights — 2002

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 2002 NEISS estimates have been produced from a sample of 99 hospitals, including children's hospitals. Information from NEISS is available to the public through CPSC's National Injury Information Clearinghouse (phone: 301-504-6901). For information about NEISS, contact: Dr. Susan Ahmed (phone: 301-504-7416/ e-mail: saahmed@cpsc.gov).

Product Groupings	Estimated Number of Injuries*	CV*	Number of Injuries*	Estimated Number of Injuries and <i>Estimated Rate of Product-Related Injuries per 100,000 Population in the United States and Territories (listed in italic)</i> that were treated in Hospital Emergency Departments*									
				Age						Sex		Disposition	
				All Ages	0-4	5-14	15-24	25-64	65+	Male	Female	Treated & Rel.	Hosp. & DOA
<b>Child Nursery Equipment</b>													
All Nursery Equipment	85,486	.09	2,979	85,486	66,922	3,683	3,522	10,015	1,343	41,642	43,843	82,168	3,242
				<i>29.6</i>	<i>341.3</i>	<i>9.0</i>	<i>8.7</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>29.4</i>	<i>29.9</i>	<i>28.5</i>	<i>1.1</i>
<b>Toys</b>													
All Toys	204,563	.07	6,459	204,563	72,113	89,243	13,142	26,699	3,352	120,966	83,554	199,973	4,529
				<i>70.9</i>	<i>367.8</i>	<i>217.5</i>	<i>32.4</i>	<i>17.6</i>	<i>9.4</i>	<i>85.4</i>	<i>57.0</i>	<i>69.3</i>	<i>1.6</i>
<b>Sports &amp; Recreational Equipment</b>													
ATV's, Mopeds, Minibikes, etc.	214,952	.08	4,965	214,952	3,299	59,874	71,994	77,569	2,216	172,631	42,321	190,419	24,191
				<i>74.5</i>	<i>16.8</i>	<i>145.9</i>	<i>177.4</i>	<i>51.2</i>	<i>6.2</i>	<i>121.9</i>	<i>28.8</i>	<i>66.0</i>	<i>8.4</i>
Amusement Attractions (incl. Rides)	20,509	.13	602	20,509	2,586	8,512	3,817	5,579	15	9,123	11,386	20,279	157
				<i>7.1</i>	<i>13.2</i>	<i>20.7</i>	<i>9.4</i>	<i>3.7</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>6.4</i>	<i>7.8</i>	<i>7.0</i>	<i>0.1</i>
Barbecue Grills, Stoves, Equipment	18,254	.10	507	18,254	3,645	1,857	2,377	9,340	1,036	10,762	7,476	17,084	948
				<i>6.3</i>	<i>18.6</i>	<i>4.5</i>	<i>5.9</i>	<i>6.2</i>	<i>2.9</i>	<i>7.6</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>5.9</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Baseball, Softball	303,987	.07	7,927	303,987	7,114	116,751	83,825	94,607	1,690	209,464	94,311	298,152	5,135
				<i>105.4</i>	<i>36.3</i>	<i>284.5</i>	<i>206.5</i>	<i>62.4</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>147.9</i>	<i>64.3</i>	<i>103.4</i>	<i>1.8</i>
Basketball	615,546	.07	17,869	615,546	2,031	207,685	278,989	125,977	864	488,875	126,307	608,835	6,009
				<i>213.5</i>	<i>10.4</i>	<i>506.1</i>	<i>687.3</i>	<i>83.1</i>	<i>2.4</i>	<i>345.1</i>	<i>86.1</i>	<i>211.1</i>	<i>2.1</i>
Beach, Picnic, Camping Equipment	19,605	.10	494	19,605	3,114	4,099	2,183	7,797	2,411	8,867	10,737	19,053	551
				<i>6.8</i>	<i>15.9</i>	<i>10.0</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>6.8</i>	<i>6.3</i>	<i>7.3</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Bicycles & Accessories	539,642	.07	15,695	539,642	32,126	274,850	80,133	140,210	12,262	392,978	146,512	513,160	25,551
				<i>187.1</i>	<i>163.8</i>	<i>669.8</i>	<i>197.4</i>	<i>92.5</i>	<i>34.4</i>	<i>277.4</i>	<i>99.9</i>	<i>178.0</i>	<i>8.9</i>
Boxing	11,811	.11	314	11,811	114	1,564	6,581	3,537	15	10,189	1,623	11,653	159
				<i>4.1</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>16.2</i>	<i>2.3</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>7.2</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>0.1</i>
Exercise, Exercise Equipment	261,590	.08	7,341	261,590	9,566	41,930	66,345	126,910	16,769	150,685	110,668	253,262	8,200
				<i>90.7</i>	<i>48.8</i>	<i>102.2</i>	<i>163.5</i>	<i>83.8</i>	<i>47.1</i>	<i>106.4</i>	<i>75.4</i>	<i>87.8</i>	<i>2.8</i>
Football	387,948	.06	11,384	387,948	921	187,871	160,450	38,394	219	362,710	25,082	379,750	7,735
				<i>134.5</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>457.8</i>	<i>395.3</i>	<i>25.3</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>256.0</i>	<i>17.1</i>	<i>131.7</i>	<i>2.7</i>
Hockey	72,955	.23	1,718	72,955	613	25,472	30,533	16,276	60	63,102	9,853	71,124	1,061
				<i>25.3</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>62.1</i>	<i>75.2</i>	<i>10.7</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>44.5</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>24.7</i>	<i>0.4</i>
Horseback Riding	70,704	.11	1,674	70,704	1,177	12,229	14,650	41,301	1,330	26,859	43,777	62,911	7,724
				<i>24.5</i>	<i>6.0</i>	<i>29.8</i>	<i>36.1</i>	<i>27.3</i>	<i>3.7</i>	<i>19.0</i>	<i>29.8</i>	<i>21.8</i>	<i>2.7</i>
In-line Skating	60,572	.11	1,748	60,572	280	36,291	10,617	13,193	191	33,063	27,509	58,682	1,815
				<i>21.0</i>	<i>1.4</i>	<i>88.4</i>	<i>26.2</i>	<i>8.7</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>23.3</i>	<i>18.8</i>	<i>20.3</i>	<i>0.6</i>

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				Age						Sex		Disposition	
				All Ages	0-4	5-14	15-24	25-64	65+	Male	Female	Treated & Rel.	Hosp. & DOA
Lacrosse, Rugby, Misc. Ball Games	90,507	.09	2,495	90,507	3,193	43,586	27,674	15,271	783	62,325	28,161	89,073	1,252
				<i>31.4</i>	<i>16.3</i>	<i>106.2</i>	<i>68.2</i>	<i>10.1</i>	<i>2.2</i>	<i>44.0</i>	<i>19.2</i>	<i>30.9</i>	<i>0.4</i>
Nonpowder Guns, BB'S, Pellets	24,883	.10	624	24,883	905	10,548	8,736	4,413	282	21,637	3,246	23,233	1,651
				<i>8.6</i>	<i>4.6</i>	<i>25.7</i>	<i>21.5</i>	<i>2.9</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>15.3</i>	<i>2.2</i>	<i>8.1</i>	<i>0.6</i>
Playground Equipment	231,840	.07	7,843	231,840	57,451	160,540	5,202	7,808	838	125,185	106,580	221,707	9,804
				<i>80.4</i>	<i>293.0</i>	<i>391.2</i>	<i>12.8</i>	<i>5.2</i>	<i>2.4</i>	<i>88.4</i>	<i>72.6</i>	<i>76.9</i>	<i>3.4</i>
Racquet Sports	30,520	.14	790	30,520	174	4,077	6,463	16,692	3,114	19,871	10,649	29,175	1,215
				<i>10.6</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>9.9</i>	<i>15.9</i>	<i>11.0</i>	<i>8.7</i>	<i>14.0</i>	<i>7.3</i>	<i>10.1</i>	<i>0.4</i>
Skateboards	113,192	.13	3,032	113,192	2,168	60,067	40,855	9,826	276	100,110	13,082	109,018	3,992
				<i>39.3</i>	<i>11.1</i>	<i>146.4</i>	<i>100.7</i>	<i>6.5</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>70.7</i>	<i>8.9</i>	<i>37.8</i>	<i>1.4</i>
Skating (excl. In-line)	93,120	.09	2,631	93,120	1,622	55,683	11,835	23,157	824	36,889	56,216	90,613	2,240
				<i>32.3</i>	<i>8.3</i>	<i>135.7</i>	<i>29.2</i>	<i>15.3</i>	<i>2.3</i>	<i>26.0</i>	<i>38.3</i>	<i>31.4</i>	<i>0.8</i>
Snowmobiles	12,862	.28	213	12,862	144	1,246	3,099	8,304	69	9,431	3,431	11,862	1,000
				<i>4.5</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>7.6</i>	<i>5.5</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>2.3</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Soccer	173,519	.10	4,967	173,519	924	76,233	65,028	31,249	84	106,102	67,324	170,185	3,213
				<i>60.2</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>185.8</i>	<i>160.2</i>	<i>20.6</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>74.9</i>	<i>45.9</i>	<i>59.0</i>	<i>1.1</i>
Swimming, Pools, Equipment	153,883	.17	4,189	153,883	13,153	65,049	27,971	42,868	4,843	84,507	69,070	148,411	5,250
				<i>53.4</i>	<i>67.1</i>	<i>158.5</i>	<i>68.9</i>	<i>28.3</i>	<i>13.6</i>	<i>59.7</i>	<i>47.1</i>	<i>51.5</i>	<i>1.8</i>
Toboggans, Sleds, Snow Discs, etc.	29,682	.16	697	29,682	1,322	15,220	6,079	6,925	137	16,734	12,880	28,416	1,266
				<i>10.3</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>37.1</i>	<i>15.0</i>	<i>4.6</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>11.8</i>	<i>8.8</i>	<i>9.9</i>	<i>0.4</i>
Track & Field Activities, Equipment	19,608	.11	542	19,608	0	8,781	9,957	809	61	9,528	10,081	19,459	150
				<i>6.8</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>21.4</i>	<i>24.5</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>6.9</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>0.1</i>
Trampolines	89,393	.09	2,549	89,393	11,116	63,485	9,097	5,628	67	45,620	43,773	86,163	3,008
				<i>31.0</i>	<i>56.7</i>	<i>154.7</i>	<i>22.4</i>	<i>3.7</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>32.2</i>	<i>29.8</i>	<i>29.9</i>	<i>1.0</i>
Volleyball	59,225	.09	1,495	59,225	93	16,596	23,115	19,101	320	22,942	36,283	58,396	760
				<i>20.5</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>40.4</i>	<i>56.9</i>	<i>12.6</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>16.2</i>	<i>24.7</i>	<i>20.3</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Water Skiing, Tubing, Surfing	27,183	.31	552	27,183	218	4,270	9,784	12,843	68	20,668	6,515	26,412	771
				<i>9.4</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>10.4</i>	<i>24.1</i>	<i>8.5</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>14.6</i>	<i>4.4</i>	<i>9.2</i>	<i>0.3</i>
<b>Home Comm'n &amp; Entertainment</b>													
Sound Recording Equipment	40,413	.09	1,129	40,413	6,647	4,845	7,723	15,028	6,170	20,832	19,581	38,363	1,972
				<i>14.0</i>	<i>33.9</i>	<i>11.8</i>	<i>19.0</i>	<i>9.9</i>	<i>17.3</i>	<i>14.7</i>	<i>13.3</i>	<i>13.3</i>	<i>0.7</i>
Television Sets & Stands	50,021	.08	1,493	50,021	13,102	7,992	5,515	17,798	5,615	26,488	23,534	48,019	2,002
				<i>17.3</i>	<i>66.8</i>	<i>19.5</i>	<i>13.6</i>	<i>11.7</i>	<i>15.8</i>	<i>18.7</i>	<i>16.0</i>	<i>16.7</i>	<i>0.7</i>
<b>Personal Use Items</b>													
Cigarettes, Lighters, Fuel	20,179	.10	598	20,179	4,197	2,091	3,820	8,957	1,114	12,025	8,139	17,439	2,611
				<i>7.0</i>	<i>21.4</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>9.4</i>	<i>5.9</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>8.5</i>	<i>5.5</i>	<i>6.0</i>	<i>0.9</i>
Clothing	189,371	.08	5,191	189,371	11,192	28,643	30,668	86,222	32,585	80,119	109,222	177,249	11,864
				<i>65.7</i>	<i>57.1</i>	<i>69.8</i>	<i>75.6</i>	<i>56.9</i>	<i>91.5</i>	<i>56.6</i>	<i>74.4</i>	<i>61.5</i>	<i>4.1</i>
Drug Poisonings to Children under 5	52,203	.10	1,997	52,203	52,063	0	0	0	0	27,870	24,332	45,705	6,233
				<i>18.1</i>	<i>265.5</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>19.7</i>	<i>16.6</i>	<i>15.8</i>	<i>2.2</i>

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				Age						Sex		Disposition	
				All Ages	0-4	5-14	15-24	25-64	65+	Male	Female	Treated & Rel.	Hosp. & DOA
Grooming Devices	28,890	.08	931	28,890	10,038	4,011	3,472	8,424	2,945	10,021	18,853	28,680	195
				<i>10.0</i>	<i>51.2</i>	<i>9.8</i>	<i>8.6</i>	<i>5.6</i>	<i>8.3</i>	<i>7.1</i>	<i>12.9</i>	<i>9.9</i>	<i>0.1</i>
Protection Devices	10,875	.18	265	10,875	450	1,316	2,085	6,711	314	8,469	2,406	10,859	16
				<i>3.8</i>	<i>2.3</i>	<i>3.2</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>4.4</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>6.0</i>	<i>1.6</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>0.0</i>
Razors, Shavers, Razor Blades	33,532	.07	831	33,532	2,126	3,188	7,504	17,592	3,122	20,603	12,928	32,828	575
				<i>11.6</i>	<i>10.8</i>	<i>7.8</i>	<i>18.5</i>	<i>11.6</i>	<i>8.8</i>	<i>14.5</i>	<i>8.8</i>	<i>11.4</i>	<i>0.2</i>
<b>Household Containers</b>													
Cans, Other Containers	262,909	.06	7,282	262,909	30,024	31,109	39,597	139,462	22,609	122,228	140,599	256,474	5,961
				<i>91.2</i>	<i>153.1</i>	<i>75.8</i>	<i>97.6</i>	<i>92.0</i>	<i>63.5</i>	<i>86.3</i>	<i>95.8</i>	<i>88.9</i>	<i>2.1</i>
Glass Bottles, Jars	39,597	.08	1,080	39,597	3,168	6,995	9,801	17,315	2,317	22,697	16,884	38,855	741
				<i>13.7</i>	<i>16.2</i>	<i>17.0</i>	<i>24.1</i>	<i>11.4</i>	<i>6.5</i>	<i>16.0</i>	<i>11.5</i>	<i>13.5</i>	<i>0.3</i>
<b>Yard &amp; Garden Equipment</b>													
Chain Saws	25,557	.10	553	25,557	83	393	3,452	18,837	2,792	24,590	968	24,699	858
				<i>8.9</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>1.0</i>	<i>8.5</i>	<i>12.4</i>	<i>7.8</i>	<i>17.4</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>8.6</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Hand Garden Tools	40,661	.11	926	40,661	2,036	4,755	3,319	24,841	5,710	26,913	13,749	39,102	1,560
				<i>14.1</i>	<i>10.4</i>	<i>11.6</i>	<i>8.2</i>	<i>16.4</i>	<i>16.0</i>	<i>19.0</i>	<i>9.4</i>	<i>13.6</i>	<i>0.5</i>
Lawn & Garden Equipment	71,203	.08	1,735	71,203	4,163	7,845	6,101	37,834	15,260	40,910	30,293	67,681	3,462
				<i>24.7</i>	<i>21.2</i>	<i>19.1</i>	<i>15.0</i>	<i>25.0</i>	<i>42.9</i>	<i>28.9</i>	<i>20.6</i>	<i>23.5</i>	<i>1.2</i>
Lawn Mowers	73,157	.09	1,700	73,157	2,417	4,812	6,662	46,805	12,461	55,270	17,820	67,960	4,940
				<i>25.4</i>	<i>12.3</i>	<i>11.7</i>	<i>16.4</i>	<i>30.9</i>	<i>35.0</i>	<i>39.0</i>	<i>12.1</i>	<i>23.6</i>	<i>1.7</i>
Other Power Lawn Equipment	18,333	.14	379	18,333	668	1,404	1,404	11,304	3,553	15,498	2,835	17,134	1,199
				<i>6.4</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>3.5</i>	<i>7.5</i>	<i>10.0</i>	<i>10.9</i>	<i>1.9</i>	<i>5.9</i>	<i>0.4</i>
Trimmers, Small Power Garden Tools	16,041	.11	368	16,041	217	814	1,726	11,213	2,071	10,955	5,085	15,316	655
				<i>5.6</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>4.3</i>	<i>7.4</i>	<i>5.8</i>	<i>7.7</i>	<i>3.5</i>	<i>5.3</i>	<i>0.2</i>
<b>Home Workshop Equipment</b>													
Hoists, Lifts, Jacks, etc.	17,303	.09	391	17,303	348	1,106	3,875	10,269	1,705	14,644	2,659	16,494	809
				<i>6.0</i>	<i>1.8</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>9.5</i>	<i>6.8</i>	<i>4.8</i>	<i>10.3</i>	<i>1.8</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Power Home Tools (excl. Saws)	22,796	.10	465	22,796	187	813	3,494	15,453	2,849	20,538	2,259	22,075	600
				<i>7.9</i>	<i>1.0</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>8.6</i>	<i>10.2</i>	<i>8.0</i>	<i>14.5</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>7.7</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Power Home Workshop Saws	87,006	.07	1,982	87,006	82	1,873	8,181	59,600	17,270	83,164	3,843	81,480	5,283
				<i>30.2</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>4.6</i>	<i>20.2</i>	<i>39.3</i>	<i>48.5</i>	<i>58.7</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>28.3</i>	<i>1.8</i>
Welding, Soldering, Cutting Tools	19,568	.10	406	19,568	195	447	5,330	13,445	150	18,701	867	19,149	419
				<i>6.8</i>	<i>1.0</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>13.1</i>	<i>8.9</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>13.2</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>0.1</i>
Wires, Cords, Not Specified	12,607	.09	324	12,607	530	1,575	2,045	6,781	1,677	8,849	3,758	12,174	433
				<i>4.4</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>5.0</i>	<i>4.5</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>6.2</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>4.2</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Workshop Manual Tools	126,164	.08	2,831	126,164	3,573	8,543	19,965	86,365	7,719	109,902	16,187	124,359	1,494
				<i>43.8</i>	<i>18.2</i>	<i>20.8</i>	<i>49.2</i>	<i>57.0</i>	<i>21.7</i>	<i>77.6</i>	<i>11.0</i>	<i>43.1</i>	<i>0.5</i>
<b>Home Maintenance</b>													
Cleaning Agents (excl. Soaps)	36,420	.08	1,097	36,420	11,322	2,747	4,301	15,972	2,079	14,279	22,073	34,937	1,422
				<i>12.6</i>	<i>57.7</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>10.6</i>	<i>10.5</i>	<i>5.8</i>	<i>10.1</i>	<i>15.0</i>	<i>12.1</i>	<i>0.5</i>

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				Age					Sex		Disposition		
				All Ages	0-4	5-14	15-24	25-64	65+	Male	Female	Treated & Rel.	Hosp. & DOA
Cleaning Equip., Non-caustic Deterg.	35,457	.09	965	35,457	3,134	4,111	3,885	19,679	4,648	15,276	20,181	33,696	1,761
				<i>12.3</i>	<i>16.0</i>	<i>10.0</i>	<i>9.6</i>	<i>13.0</i>	<i>13.1</i>	<i>10.8</i>	<i>13.8</i>	<i>11.7</i>	<i>0.6</i>
Paints, Solvents, Lubricants	18,656	.10	494	18,656	1,709	1,023	2,321	12,022	1,581	10,410	8,246	17,562	1,094
				<i>6.5</i>	<i>8.7</i>	<i>2.5</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>4.4</i>	<i>7.3</i>	<i>5.6</i>	<i>6.1</i>	<i>0.4</i>
Soaps, Detergents	20,541	.12	727	20,541	4,560	2,727	3,799	8,340	1,115	8,440	12,101	20,289	236
				<i>7.1</i>	<i>23.3</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>9.4</i>	<i>5.5</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>6.0</i>	<i>8.2</i>	<i>7.0</i>	<i>0.1</i>
<b>General Household Appliances</b>													
Cooking Ranges, Ovens, etc.	43,347	.06	1,304	43,347	9,644	4,885	4,767	19,506	4,544	18,135	25,212	41,555	1,723
				<i>15.0</i>	<i>49.2</i>	<i>11.9</i>	<i>11.7</i>	<i>12.9</i>	<i>12.8</i>	<i>12.8</i>	<i>17.2</i>	<i>14.4</i>	<i>0.6</i>
Irons, Clothes Steamers (not Toys)	16,124	.14	641	16,124	9,771	1,499	1,361	2,922	571	7,565	8,558	15,699	425
				<i>5.6</i>	<i>49.8</i>	<i>3.7</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>1.9</i>	<i>1.6</i>	<i>5.3</i>	<i>5.8</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>0.1</i>
Refrigerators, Freezers	37,285	.07	969	37,285	2,491	2,758	5,183	22,193	4,660	20,601	16,685	35,923	1,362
				<i>12.9</i>	<i>12.7</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>12.8</i>	<i>14.6</i>	<i>13.1</i>	<i>14.5</i>	<i>11.4</i>	<i>12.5</i>	<i>0.5</i>
Small Kitchen Appliances	33,247	.08	833	33,247	2,243	2,458	5,220	20,383	2,943	14,543	18,703	33,016	230
				<i>11.5</i>	<i>11.4</i>	<i>6.0</i>	<i>12.9</i>	<i>13.5</i>	<i>8.3</i>	<i>10.3</i>	<i>12.7</i>	<i>11.4</i>	<i>0.1</i>
Washers, Dryers	19,701	.09	466	19,701	897	1,106	2,672	12,579	2,446	9,152	10,549	19,084	617
				<i>6.8</i>	<i>4.6</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>8.3</i>	<i>6.9</i>	<i>6.5</i>	<i>7.2</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>0.2</i>
<b>Heating, Cooling, Vent. Equip.</b>													
Air Conditioners	13,248	.11	362	13,248	827	1,211	1,787	8,588	835	9,285	3,949	12,907	341
				<i>4.6</i>	<i>4.2</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>4.4</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>2.3</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>4.5</i>	<i>0.1</i>
Chimneys, Fireplaces	19,055	.12	619	19,055	11,257	1,974	621	3,641	1,562	10,758	8,298	18,428	566
				<i>6.6</i>	<i>57.4</i>	<i>4.8</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>2.4</i>	<i>4.4</i>	<i>7.6</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>6.4</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Fans (excl. Stove Exhaust Fans)	19,763	.09	532	19,763	3,768	3,602	2,561	8,097	1,736	10,091	9,595	19,164	599
				<i>6.9</i>	<i>19.2</i>	<i>8.8</i>	<i>6.3</i>	<i>5.3</i>	<i>4.9</i>	<i>7.1</i>	<i>6.5</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Heating & Plumbing Pipes	43,148	.09	1,106	43,148	5,186	9,410	4,804	20,120	3,627	30,651	12,497	41,803	1,266
				<i>15.0</i>	<i>26.4</i>	<i>22.9</i>	<i>11.8</i>	<i>13.3</i>	<i>10.2</i>	<i>21.6</i>	<i>8.5</i>	<i>14.5</i>	<i>0.4</i>
Heating Stoves, Space Heaters	19,817	.11	526	19,817	6,741	2,348	1,598	7,554	1,576	10,541	9,276	18,197	1,620
				<i>6.9</i>	<i>34.4</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>3.9</i>	<i>5.0</i>	<i>4.4</i>	<i>7.4</i>	<i>6.3</i>	<i>6.3</i>	<i>0.6</i>
Radiators	10,946	.27	369	10,946	4,623	1,627	852	2,767	1,077	6,828	4,112	10,430	500
				<i>3.8</i>	<i>23.6</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>1.8</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>4.8</i>	<i>2.8</i>	<i>3.6</i>	<i>0.2</i>
<b>Home Furnishings &amp; Fixtures</b>													
Bathroom Structures & Fixtures	301,375	.07	8,100	301,375	38,585	27,291	27,081	124,828	83,560	125,194	175,985	271,998	28,989
				<i>104.5</i>	<i>196.8</i>	<i>66.5</i>	<i>66.7</i>	<i>82.4</i>	<i>234.7</i>	<i>88.4</i>	<i>120.0</i>	<i>94.3</i>	<i>10.1</i>
Beds, Mattresses, Pillows	515,666	.06	15,949	515,666	150,750	81,792	31,307	110,895	140,908	231,147	284,376	467,166	48,121
				<i>178.8</i>	<i>768.8</i>	<i>199.3</i>	<i>77.1</i>	<i>73.2</i>	<i>395.8</i>	<i>163.2</i>	<i>193.8</i>	<i>162.0</i>	<i>16.7</i>
Carpets, Rugs	115,007	.08	3,384	115,007	17,810	7,870	7,494	36,130	45,635	39,519	75,390	102,909	11,962
				<i>39.9</i>	<i>90.8</i>	<i>19.2</i>	<i>18.5</i>	<i>23.8</i>	<i>128.2</i>	<i>27.9</i>	<i>51.4</i>	<i>35.7</i>	<i>4.1</i>
Chairs, Sofas, Sofa Beds	438,173	.05	13,245	438,173	126,241	54,453	34,367	128,475	94,606	191,960	246,039	406,158	31,446
				<i>151.9</i>	<i>643.8</i>	<i>132.7</i>	<i>84.7</i>	<i>84.8</i>	<i>265.7</i>	<i>135.5</i>	<i>167.7</i>	<i>140.8</i>	<i>10.9</i>
Desks, Cabinets, Shelves, Racks	254,699	.06	7,289	254,699	55,240	45,345	26,732	94,278	33,104	122,590	132,025	247,186	7,255
				<i>88.3</i>	<i>281.7</i>	<i>110.5</i>	<i>65.9</i>	<i>62.2</i>	<i>93.0</i>	<i>86.5</i>	<i>90.0</i>	<i>85.7</i>	<i>2.5</i>

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				Age						Sex		Disposition	
				All Ages	0-4	5-14	15-24	25-64	65+	Male	Female	Treated & Rel.	Hosp. & DOA
Electric Fixt., Lamps, Equip.	51,048	.06	1,476	51,048	7,563	9,980	6,660	20,563	6,282	29,342	21,706	48,582	2,328
				<i>17.7</i>	<i>38.6</i>	<i>24.3</i>	<i>16.4</i>	<i>13.6</i>	<i>17.6</i>	<i>20.7</i>	<i>14.8</i>	<i>16.8</i>	<i>0.8</i>
Holiday, Party Supplies	13,648	.12	366	13,648	3,045	1,735	1,543	5,941	1,385	6,953	6,696	13,005	643
				<i>4.7</i>	<i>15.5</i>	<i>4.2</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>3.9</i>	<i>3.9</i>	<i>4.9</i>	<i>4.6</i>	<i>4.5</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Ladders, Stools	210,883	.07	5,392	210,883	11,747	9,686	15,241	136,254	37,939	138,367	72,432	190,755	19,772
				<i>73.1</i>	<i>59.9</i>	<i>23.6</i>	<i>37.5</i>	<i>89.9</i>	<i>106.6</i>	<i>97.7</i>	<i>49.4</i>	<i>66.1</i>	<i>6.9</i>
Mirrors, Mirror Glass	21,765	.09	643	21,765	2,290	4,042	6,331	8,336	766	11,262	10,486	21,474	291
				<i>7.5</i>	<i>11.7</i>	<i>9.9</i>	<i>15.6</i>	<i>5.5</i>	<i>2.2</i>	<i>8.0</i>	<i>7.1</i>	<i>7.4</i>	<i>0.1</i>
Misc. Household Covers, Fabrics	21,512	.09	590	21,512	2,238	1,611	2,356	9,497	5,811	6,595	14,916	20,229	1,283
				<i>7.5</i>	<i>11.4</i>	<i>3.9</i>	<i>5.8</i>	<i>6.3</i>	<i>16.3</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>10.2</i>	<i>7.0</i>	<i>0.4</i>
Other Misc. Furniture & Accessories	105,823	.08	2,822	105,823	7,188	4,449	12,721	73,276	8,128	50,932	54,791	103,254	2,440
				<i>36.7</i>	<i>36.7</i>	<i>10.8</i>	<i>31.3</i>	<i>48.4</i>	<i>22.8</i>	<i>36.0</i>	<i>37.3</i>	<i>35.8</i>	<i>0.8</i>
Tables, not elsewhere classified	307,843	.06	9,471	307,843	126,261	47,373	20,609	70,991	42,532	156,185	151,568	296,796	10,841
				<i>106.8</i>	<i>643.9</i>	<i>115.4</i>	<i>50.8</i>	<i>46.8</i>	<i>119.5</i>	<i>110.3</i>	<i>103.3</i>	<i>102.9</i>	<i>3.8</i>
<b>Home Structures &amp; Const. Mat.</b>													
Cabinet/Door Hardware	18,910	.09	520	18,910	3,748	4,188	1,970	5,598	3,405	9,440	9,470	18,450	461
				<i>6.6</i>	<i>19.1</i>	<i>10.2</i>	<i>4.9</i>	<i>3.7</i>	<i>9.6</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>6.5</i>	<i>6.4</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Fences	113,674	.08	3,371	113,674	6,716	37,577	22,007	40,731	6,642	78,567	35,086	109,953	3,600
				<i>39.4</i>	<i>34.3</i>	<i>91.6</i>	<i>54.2</i>	<i>26.9</i>	<i>18.7</i>	<i>55.5</i>	<i>23.9</i>	<i>38.1</i>	<i>1.2</i>
Glass Doors, Windows, Panels	170,538	.07	4,894	170,538	14,915	29,968	49,114	68,858	7,652	102,928	67,595	164,094	6,315
				<i>59.1</i>	<i>76.1</i>	<i>73.0</i>	<i>121.0</i>	<i>45.4</i>	<i>21.5</i>	<i>72.7</i>	<i>46.1</i>	<i>56.9</i>	<i>2.2</i>
Handrails, Railings, Banisters	41,775	.08	1,285	41,775	5,016	10,262	6,102	15,374	5,021	21,647	20,113	40,094	1,621
				<i>14.5</i>	<i>25.6</i>	<i>25.0</i>	<i>15.0</i>	<i>10.1</i>	<i>14.1</i>	<i>15.3</i>	<i>13.7</i>	<i>13.9</i>	<i>0.6</i>
Non-glass Doors, Panels	345,000	.08	10,595	345,000	66,435	78,193	50,087	111,739	38,470	170,295	174,531	336,022	8,517
				<i>119.6</i>	<i>338.8</i>	<i>190.5</i>	<i>123.4</i>	<i>73.7</i>	<i>108.1</i>	<i>120.2</i>	<i>119.0</i>	<i>116.5</i>	<i>3.0</i>
Outside Attached Struct. & Mat.	24,478	.11	595	24,478	1,185	1,692	3,695	15,987	1,919	20,083	4,395	21,753	2,725
				<i>8.5</i>	<i>6.0</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>9.1</i>	<i>10.6</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>14.2</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>7.5</i>	<i>0.9</i>
Stairs, Ramps, Landings, Floors	2,028,968	.06	58,852	2,028,968	242,745	195,964	228,198	830,685	531,285	755,411	272,999	1,814,738	211,993
				<i>703.6</i>	<i>1237.9</i>	<i>477.5</i>	<i>562.2</i>	<i>548.2</i>	<i>1492.3</i>	<i>533.3</i>	<i>867.7</i>	<i>629.3</i>	<i>73.5</i>
Window, Door Sills, Frames	61,202	.08	1,568	61,202	14,474	9,261	6,589	18,884	11,994	30,495	30,707	59,150	2,052
				<i>21.2</i>	<i>73.8</i>	<i>22.6</i>	<i>16.2</i>	<i>12.5</i>	<i>33.7</i>	<i>21.5</i>	<i>20.9</i>	<i>20.5</i>	<i>0.7</i>
<b>Miscellaneous Products</b>													
Dollies, Carts	45,021	.09	1,416	45,021	20,445	4,671	2,743	12,033	5,129	21,711	23,310	42,993	2,029
				<i>15.6</i>	<i>104.3</i>	<i>11.4</i>	<i>6.8</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>14.4</i>	<i>15.3</i>	<i>15.9</i>	<i>14.9</i>	<i>0.7</i>
Elevators, Other Lifts	21,316	.18	786	21,316	1,466	1,981	1,919	9,454	6,496	7,423	13,878	20,446	871
				<i>7.4</i>	<i>7.5</i>	<i>4.8</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>6.2</i>	<i>18.2</i>	<i>5.2</i>	<i>9.5</i>	<i>7.1</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Gasoline, Diesel Fuels	15,338	.10	362	15,338	994	1,653	3,386	8,535	770	11,945	3,325	13,392	1,945
				<i>5.3</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>8.3</i>	<i>5.6</i>	<i>2.2</i>	<i>8.4</i>	<i>2.3</i>	<i>4.6</i>	<i>0.7</i>

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

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

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

\***Estimated Rate:** Estimated injury rates are calculated using the July 1, 2002 U.S. resident population estimates from the Census Bureau.

# 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 February and March 2003, 636 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, 2, was playing in the kitchen of her home, while her mother cleaned. The child began to choke on a small toy ball, and several efforts to remove it were unsuccessful. An ambulance took the child to a hospital where she was pronounced dead. The cause of death was asphyxiation.

(Erik Krag Mitchell, M.D., District Coroner, Douglas County, Lawrence, KS)

A male, 7 months, was being held and breast-fed by his mother in a queen-sized bed. They both fell asleep, and the mother woke up later to find the infant cold and unresponsive. Efforts at resuscitation failed. The cause of death was asphyxia.

(Ron Flud, M.P.A., Coroner-Medical Examiner, Clark County, Las Vegas, NV)

A female, 6 months, was placed to sleep on a bed by her grandmother. The child was later found unresponsive, after having fallen from the bed onto some clothing and pillows. The cause of death was suffocation by smothering.

(E. Wayne Haga, M.D., Medical Examiner, Tidewater District, Commonwealth of Virginia, Norfolk, VA)

A female, 6 weeks, was sleeping with her parents in their bed. Her mother got up to get a drink of water and found her daughter on her back unresponsive. The cause of death was asphyxia by overlay.

(Alan Klimek, Coroner, Brown County, Green Bay, WI)

## CARBON MONOXIDE POISONINGS

\*A male, 49, was found unresponsive in his apartment. The propane boiler that heated the apartment had a damaged vent pipe. The vent pipe allowed the boiler's combustion products to vent into the garage directly below the apartment and then into the apartment itself. The apartment had no carbon monoxide detector. The cause of death was carbon monoxide intoxication.

(Lorraine Siciliano for Paul L. Morrow, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, Vermont Department of Health, Burlington, VT)

\*A male, 69, was found unconscious in the doorway of a steel utility building near his home. The man had gone to refill an empty gasoline-powered generator he had used to provide electricity to his home during an ice storm. He was rushed to the hospital where he was pronounced dead. The cause of death was carbon monoxide toxicity.

(Shrin Rajagopalan, M.D., Medical Examiner, Wake County, Raleigh, NC)

\*A male, 49 was found unresponsive in his home, along with his cat. The power to his home had been cut off by an ice storm, and a generator and kerosene heater were found inside. Both of these products were turned on and out of fuel. The cause of death was carbon monoxide poisoning.

(Frances P. Field, M.D., Assistant Chief Medical Examiner, Commonwealth of Virginia, Northern District, Fairfax, VA)



\*A female, 46, was found unresponsive in her bed. Her husband had purchased a portable gas-powered generator the day before due to a power outage caused by an ice storm.

The generator caused a build-up of carbon monoxide in the home. No carbon monoxide detectors were installed. Two other family members were treated at a hospital. The cause of death was carbon monoxide poisoning.

(Janice J. Hessling, M.D., Medical Examiner, Guilford County, Greensboro, NC)

\*A female, 63, and her son, 40, were discovered unresponsive in the kitchen of their home. The home had a forced-air furnace for its heat and a boiler for an upstairs apartment. The boiler malfunctioned and caused a build-up of carbon monoxide in the basement that the furnace transferred to the home. The home had no carbon monoxide detectors. The cause of death was carbon monoxide poisoning.

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

## DROWNINGS

\*A male, 9 months, and his twin sister were seated in bath seats while being bathed by their mother. The mother went to the adjacent bedroom while talking on the telephone. She returned to the bathroom to find the male child unresponsive lying face down in the bath water with his body partially out of the bath seat. The mother performed CPR on the child, and he was rushed to the hospital where he died about an hour later. The cause of death was drowning.

(Ron Flud, M.P.A., Coroner-Medical Examiner, Clark County, Las Vegas, NV)

A male, 8 months, was found at the bottom of the pool at his home. He had been crawling on the floor in the home and accessed the pool through a sliding door left open by other children. The cause of death was drowning.

(Peter H.K. Tan, M.D., Assistant Medical Examiner, District 22, Charlotte County, Port Charlotte, FL)

A female, 15 months, followed her older sister into the bathroom. The older sister, age 3 1/2, placed a rag into the bathtub drain and turned on the water. The younger child fell into the bathtub. The cause of death was drowning.

(Ron Holmes, Coroner, Jefferson County, Louisville, KY)

## FIRES

\*A female, 30, and her daughter, 12, were found by firefighters who were fighting a fire in the victims' home. The older woman was declared dead at the scene. The child was taken to a hospital where she was pronounced dead. The fire started when an extension cord arced and sparked behind a couch. The cause of death was smoke and soot inhalation.

(Dolores Jones-Butler for Greg McDonald, D.O., Assistant Medical Examiner, City of Philadelphia, PA)

\*A female, 62, was found slumped over in a chair by firefighters responding to a fire in an apartment. The woman was taken to a hospital burn unit where she died. The fire was caused by the placement of a heavy bookcase on a floor lamp cord. The weight pinched the lamp cord, causing it to arc and ignite a chair. The cause of death was thermal burns.

(Shirley Stover-Wilkins for William F. Hamilton, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, District 8, Gainesville, FL)

\*Two males, 6 and 18, perished in a fire at their home. The fire started when an electric blanket malfunctioned and caught on fire. Four other family members were able to escape. The blanket had been purchased used from a consignment shop. The cause of death was smoke inhalation.

(James Greathouse, M.D., Coroner, Jefferson County, Louisville, KY)

A female, 13, was found unresponsive behind a bedroom door in a mobile home after a fire. An overloaded electrical circuit, with two extension cords plugged into it, caused the fire. Each cord had multiple appliances plugged into it. The cause of death was smoke inhalation.

(Staci Wilcox for John Keeping, Deputy Coroner, San Bernardino County, San Bernardino, CA)

## MISCELLANEOUS

\*A male, 15, was found unconscious near a cable on a dirt trail. The boy, who had been wearing a helmet, had been riding his new all-terrain vehicle and ran into the cable stretched across the trail. CPR was administered on the scene, and the boy was rushed to the hospital where he was declared dead. The cause of death was blunt trauma to the head and neck.

(Lorraine Siciliano for Paul L. Morrow, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, Vermont Department of Health, Burlington, VT)

— *Denny Wierdak, Directorate for Epidemiology*



## CPSC Recalls

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

### Weed Cutting Attachment Blades

**Product:** Approximately 1.1 million metal blades by Conceptual Marketing & Development Inc. (CMD). The recalled metal blades are for its model 4650 weed cutting attachment. Only cast aluminum metal alloy blades are included in the recall. The blades measure 1/4 inch thick, 1 inch wide and 4 inches long, and are a dull silver color. Blades that are either smooth on the bottom or have ridges are included in the recall. All of the blades were made in the U.S. Home improvement and hardware stores nationwide sold the blades with the weed cutting attachments, or separately as replacements, from November 1999 through December 2001. The model 4650 weed cutter with blades sold for about \$15 and a set of three replacement blades sold for about \$6.

**Problem:** The blades can break off and hit consumers causing severe impact and laceration injuries. CMD and CPSC are aware of 16 reports of blades breaking, resulting in 12 injuries. Injuries have ranged from lacerations requiring stitches to tendon and bone injuries.

**What to do:** Stop using the recalled blades immediately and contact CMD for free replacements. Consumers can contact CMD at (800) 210-9949 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday.

### High-Leg Recliner Chairs

**Product:** About 620,000 High-Leg Recliner Chairs by Lane Furniture Industries Inc. The recall includes three-position, high-leg recliner chairs that have a five-digit style number beginning with 026 or 027 and a shipping date prior to May 2002. The style number and shipping date can be found on a small label located either underneath the footrest or under the chair itself. High-leg recliner chairs measure 7 inches to 9 inches from the floor. Made in the U.S. Furniture stores nationwide sold the chairs from December 1989 through April 2002 for between \$500 and \$1,200.

**Problem:** A mechanism in the footrest can create a pinch point that can cause injury if consumers open or recline the chair by reaching underneath the footrest. Lane has received 18 reports of incidents involving the recliner chairs, including lacerations, cut fingernails and three reports of broken bones.

**What to do:** Stop using these recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. Contact Lane Furniture Industries to receive a repair kit at (800) 467-9555 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday or visit the firm's website at [www.lanefurniture.com](http://www.lanefurniture.com).

### Electric Sanders

**Product:** About 350,000 electric orbit sanders by Makita U.S.A. Inc. The recalled sanders include the BO5000 and BO5001 model numbers, which can be found on the silver nameplate on the sander's body. The sander's housing is blue, and the name "Makita" appears in large white letters on the motor housing. These sanders were manufactured in the U.S. Home centers, hardware stores, and industrial suppliers nationwide sold the sanders from April 1992 through February 2003 for between \$110 and \$125. No other Makita

sanders are involved in this recall. Any BO5000 or BO5001 sanders with the letters "PUR" on the pad are not involved in this recall.

**Problem:** The pads on the sanders can break apart during use and strike the operator, posing an injury hazard to consumers. Makita U.S.A. Inc. has received 13 reports of pads coming apart, including three minor injuries that resulted from pieces of the pad striking consumers.

**What to do:** Stop using the recalled sanders immediately and return them to the nearest Makita factory service center for a free repair. For more information on how to return the sanders or to locate the nearest Makita factory service center, consumers should contact Makita at (800) 462-5482 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or log on to the company's website at [www.makitatools.com](http://www.makitatools.com).

### Riding Lawn Tractors

**Product:** About 270,000 riding lawn tractors by Murray Inc. The recalled lawn tractors were sold under the MURRAY® and STANLEY® brand names and have 38-, 40-, 42-, 46-, and 52-inch cutting decks. The brand name is printed on the front or side of the lawn tractor and the model number can be found on a nameplate under the seat. The following models are included in this recall: 405014X92, 405015X92, 40508X92, 425007X92, 42515X92, 42516X92, 425302X92, 425303X92, 425614X92, 42576X92, 465305X92, 465603X92, 46581X92, 425605X692, 465606X692, 525607X692, 405002X8, 425003X8, 425008X8, 425009X8, 42544X8, 38560X181, 42583X6, 465616X6, 40541, 465617, 40541X99, 425611X99, 465612X99, 465615X99, 465622X99, 425003X71, 465619X71, 465620X71. Retail and hardware stores, including Wal-Mart and Home Depot, sold the lawn tractors nationwide from November 2000 through January 2003 for between \$800 and \$1,500.

**Problem:** The fuel tank can crack and leak fuel, posing a burn and fire hazard to consumers. Murray has received 101 reports of fuel tanks leaking. No injuries have been reported.

**What to do:** Stop using these lawn tractors immediately and contact the nearest Murray Service Dealer for a free replacement fuel tank. For more information, consumers should contact Murray at (800) 876-1634 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday or visit the company's website at [www.murray.com](http://www.murray.com).

### Detachable Plugs On Power Adapters

**Product:** About 125,000 detachable plugs on power adapters by Comarco Inc. The recalled AC plugs, which were sold with 70-watt AC power adapters, have the word "ChargeSource" printed on top of the plug. The black adapters have a model name of "Targus" and model number of PA-AC-70W-2, which can be found on a label on the back of the adapter. The name "Targus" also appears in white letters on the front of the adapter. The adapters were manufactured in the United States. Major retail stores nationwide sold the adapters between July 2002 and March 2003 for between \$90 and \$120.

**Problem:** The plug can break open and expose live wires, posing an electrocution or electric shock hazard to consumers. Comarco has received 12 reports of the plugs breaking open, though no injuries have been reported.

**What to do:** Stop using the AC plugs immediately and contact Comarco to obtain a free replacement plug. Consumers should contact Comarco at (800) 859-7928 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. CT Monday through Friday or log on to the company's website at [www.regcen.com/comarco](http://www.regcen.com/comarco).

## Drumsticks Sold with Toy Drum Sets

**Product:** About 300,000 sets of toy drumsticks by Battat Incorporated. The centipede-shaped drumsticks were sold with the Parents Bee Bop Band drum set. They're about 10-inches long and were sold in either lime green or blue with black stripes. Model numbers involved in this recall are PM9137T2 and PM91372. The model numbers can be found above the UPC code on the packaging. Target, Sam's Club and smaller retailers sold the Parents Bee Bop Band drum sets nationwide from November 2001 through March 2003 for about \$25. Drum sets sold with a sticker that reads "NEW 2003" are not subject to the recall.

**Problem:** The end piece of the drumstick handle can break off, posing a choking hazard to young children. Additionally, the screw at the end of the drumstick can loosen and detach, posing a choking hazard. Battat and CPSC have received about 240 reports of drumsticks breaking and children mouthing the small pieces, including one report of a child who began to choke.

**What to do:** Take these drumsticks away from young children and contact Battat for a replacement set of drumsticks. For more information, consumers should contact Battat toll-free at (866) 617-9137 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.

## Magic Start Crawl 'n Stand Toys

**Product:** About 300,000 Magic Start Crawl 'n Stand toys by Playskool. The Playskool® Magic Start Crawl 'n Stand is a multicolor plastic toy with a round base and three arched legs that support an electronic activity center. When crawling babies touch the frame of the toy, music, lights and spinning balls are activated. Babies can pull themselves up on the legs of the toy to play at the activity center. The Playskool logo is imprinted into the plastic base and on top of the activity center. Writing under the activity center includes "ITEM # 06952" and "Made in China." Wal-Mart stores nationwide sold these toys from November 2002 through April 2003 for about \$14.

**Problem:** The toy, which is designed to encourage crawling babies to pull themselves up and stand, can tip over during use and strike falling babies in the head, face or neck, resulting in injuries. Playskool has received 44 reports of the toys tipping over during use. There have been 26 reports of babies suffering injuries, including one minor concussion, and various bumps, bruises, black eyes and cut lips.

**What to do:** Take this toy away from children immediately and contact Playskool to get information on how to return the product to receive a free replacement item of similar value. For more information go to Playskool's website at [www.playskool.com](http://www.playskool.com) or call toll-free at (800) 509-9554 anytime.

## Little People® Animal Sounds Farms

**Product:** About 67,000 Little People® Animal Sounds Farms by Fisher-Price. The recalled Little People® Animal Sounds Farms were manufactured from June 17, 2002 through July 31, 2002 and are shaped like a barn and make animal sounds when the doors of the cow or horse stall are opened. The recalled toys have a model number of 77973 or 77746 and a six-character manufacturing date code that begins with 168 through 212, followed by the number 2 as the fourth digit. Both the model number and date code can be found on the underside of the green ramp. The Fisher-Price logo appears at the top of the tallest side of the barn in red and white. The recalled toys were manufactured in Mexico.

**Problem:** Two small metal screws that hold the toy "stall doors" in place can come off, posing an aspiration or choking hazard to young children. Fisher-Price has received 33 reports of the screws coming off of the toy, including four reports where a screw was found in the child's mouth and one report of a child that aspirated a screw into his lung. The latter case required the child to be hospitalized and undergo emergency surgery to remove the screw from his lung. Mass merchants and toy stores nationwide sold these toys between July 2002 and December 2002 for about \$30.

**What to do:** Take the toy away from young children immediately and contact Fisher-Price toll-free at (866) 259-7873 anytime to receive a free repair kit. Consumers also can log on to [www.service.mattel.com](http://www.service.mattel.com) to determine if their product is among the recalled models and to order the free repair kit online.

## Toy Vehicles

**Product:** About 126,000 toy vehicles by International Playthings Inc. The Viking Mini Chubbies are toy wagons, tractors, helicopters, cars, airplanes, and jeeps. The toys measure about 3-inches long and were sold in red, blue and yellow. Model numbers are printed on the bottom of the toy. Models included in the recall are AW01119, AW41111, AW61005 and AW81119. The toys were manufactured in Thailand. Specialty toy stores nationwide sold these toys from April 2002 through March 2003 for about \$1.

**Problem:** Small parts on the vehicles can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children. International Playthings has received one report of small parts detaching. No injuries have been reported.

**What to do:** Contact the company, International Playthings, toll-free at (800) 445-8347 anytime for information on receiving a replacement toy or visit the firm's website at [www.intplay.com/recall.htm](http://www.intplay.com/recall.htm).

## Pool Dive Sticks

**Product:** About 25,000 packages of dive sticks by Swimways Corp. These are "Swim Ways Deluxe Dive Buddies" weighted dive sticks. The dive sticks are soft plastic tubes that have character heads and feet. The characters are a yellow seahorse, a green and purple walrus, a red and blue underwater diver, and a blue shark. The dive sticks are about 7.5 inches long and an inch in diameter. When dropped into water, they sink to the bottom of a pool and stand upright so children can swim or dive down and retrieve them. There is no writing on the products except numbers located on the backs that represent the dive stick's point value. The cardboard-backed packaging shows a photo of fish and coral in an underwater scene. Writing on the packaging includes "Swim Ways," "Deluxe Dive Buddies" and "Made in China." Specialty pool stores nationwide sold these dive sticks from December 2002 through May 2003 for about \$6.

**Problem:** Each package contains four dive sticks, which fail to meet CPSC's safety requirements. Children can fall or land on these dive sticks in shallow water and may suffer impalement injuries. CPSC and Swimways Corp. have not received any reports of incidents or injuries with these dive sticks. This recall is being conducted to prevent injuries.

**What to do:** Take these dive sticks away from children immediately and contact Swimways for information on receiving a refund or free replacement product. For more information, contact Swimways at (800) 889-7946 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's website at [www.swimways.com](http://www.swimways.com). Consumers also can write to Swimways Corp., 5816 Ward Court, Virginia Beach, VA 23455.

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