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NEISS Expands Online

CPSC’s unique National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS) has recently expanded its online capabilities. Now, anyone who wants to access and use this data can obtain even more detailed information about injury incidents.

NEISS is a national probability sample of hospitals in the U.S. and its territories. CPSC staff collects patient information 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.

Last year, for the first time, users were able to access NEISS data directly from their own computers. For example, a user could ask for an estimate of the number of males between the ages of 50 and 70 who were treated in U.S. hospital emergency rooms between February 2002 and October 2002 for injuries associated with using a ladder at home. The response would include the actual number of cases and injuries in the NEISS sample and an estimate for the entire nation.

New Feature

This year, users also will be able to preview and download individual case data for their request. The data will include the usual NEISS variables (such as age, gender, diagnosis, body part, etc.) and a narrative description of the incident.

The narratives are the key components of the new system. CPSC has purged information that identifies hospitals, individuals, locations, and manufacturers, but has kept the basic information about how the incidents occurred. Users now will be able to download this information, classify the cases, and produce far more useful analyses of the types of injuries within the various product areas.

The data will be available in a tab-delimited text file suitable for analysis in Excel or SAS. A sample SAS program and a convenient set of format statements are available on the site.

The new feature is available only for queries with a “from” treatment date of January 1, 2002 or later. About 700,000 records are available from NEISS for 2002 and 2003. To use the system, go to: <http://www.cpsc.gov/library/neiss.html>. For the latest edition of *NEISS Data Highlights*, please see next page.



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NEISS Data Highlights – 2003

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 2003 NEISS estimates have been produced from a sample of 98 hospitals, including children's hospitals. Information from NEISS is available to the public through CPSC's National Injury Information Clearinghouse (phone: 301-504-7921) and online (see page 1). For information about NEISS, contact: Thomas J. Schroeder (phone: 301-504-7431/ e-mail: tschroeder@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	
Child Nursery Equipment														
All Nursery Equipment	76,105	.07	2,758	76,105	61,025	2,757	2,895	8,143	1,216	38,221	37,884	72,528	3,510	
				<i>26.2</i>	<i>308.7</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>7.0</i>	<i>5.3</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>26.7</i>	<i>25.6</i>	<i>24.9</i>	<i>1.2</i>	
Toys														
All Toys	199,044	.07	6,243	199,044	70,950	81,241	14,867	28,258	3,696	116,971	82,067	194,316	4,596	
				<i>68.4</i>	<i>358.9</i>	<i>198.3</i>	<i>36.1</i>	<i>18.5</i>	<i>10.3</i>	<i>81.8</i>	<i>55.5</i>	<i>66.8</i>	<i>1.6</i>	
Sports & Recreational Equipment														
ATV's, Mopeds, Minibikes, etc.	237,896	.08	5,324	237,896	3,540	66,687	78,208	85,521	3,940	188,138	49,758	212,590	25,293	
				<i>81.8</i>	<i>17.9</i>	<i>162.8</i>	<i>189.8</i>	<i>55.9</i>	<i>11.0</i>	<i>131.5</i>	<i>33.7</i>	<i>73.1</i>	<i>8.7</i>	
Amusement Attractions (incl. Rides)	22,538	.13	618	22,538	2,272	7,686	5,147	7,271	163	10,671	11,867	22,053	485	
				<i>7.8</i>	<i>11.5</i>	<i>18.8</i>	<i>12.5</i>	<i>4.8</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>7.5</i>	<i>8.0</i>	<i>7.6</i>	<i>0.2</i>	
Barbecue Grills, Stoves, Equipment	16,380	.10	432	16,380	4,041	1,796	2,345	7,263	935	9,825	6,554	15,598	776	
				<i>5.6</i>	<i>20.4</i>	<i>4.4</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>6.9</i>	<i>4.4</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>0.3</i>	
Baseball, Softball	278,315	.07	7,056	278,315	6,551	108,259	80,045	82,166	1,258	191,578	86,736	273,228	4,975	
				<i>95.7</i>	<i>33.1</i>	<i>264.2</i>	<i>194.3</i>	<i>53.7</i>	<i>3.5</i>	<i>133.9</i>	<i>58.7</i>	<i>94.0</i>	<i>1.7</i>	
Basketball	593,713	.06	16,928	593,713	2,375	205,520	268,785	116,324	709	469,872	123,760	586,447	6,986	
				<i>204.2</i>	<i>12.0</i>	<i>501.6</i>	<i>652.3</i>	<i>76.1</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>328.5</i>	<i>83.7</i>	<i>201.7</i>	<i>2.4</i>	
Beach, Picnic, Camping Equipment	18,534	.11	427	18,534	2,728	4,477	2,237	7,334	1,757	9,129	9,404	18,168	366	
				<i>6.4</i>	<i>13.8</i>	<i>10.9</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>4.8</i>	<i>4.9</i>	<i>6.4</i>	<i>6.4</i>	<i>6.2</i>	<i>0.1</i>	
Bicycles & Accessories	535,100	.08	15,352	535,100	31,880	272,527	80,914	137,543	12,236	387,377	147,636	507,582	27,165	
				<i>184.0</i>	<i>161.3</i>	<i>665.2</i>	<i>196.4</i>	<i>89.9</i>	<i>34.1</i>	<i>270.8</i>	<i>99.9</i>	<i>174.5</i>	<i>9.3</i>	
Boxing	13,105	.10	350	13,105	109	1,529	7,379	4,087	0	11,645	1,459	12,775	317	
				<i>4.5</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>3.7</i>	<i>17.9</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>8.1</i>	<i>1.0</i>	<i>4.4</i>	<i>0.1</i>	
Exercise, Exercise Equipment	256,824	.08	6,926	256,824	8,782	40,266	63,328	127,124	17,318	144,522	112,302	249,293	7,460	
				<i>88.3</i>	<i>44.4</i>	<i>98.3</i>	<i>153.7</i>	<i>83.1</i>	<i>48.2</i>	<i>101.0</i>	<i>76.0</i>	<i>85.7</i>	<i>2.6</i>	
Football	389,261	.05	11,434	389,261	1,330	185,791	162,152	39,342	646	364,033	25,158	381,575	7,563	
				<i>133.9</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>453.5</i>	<i>393.5</i>	<i>25.7</i>	<i>1.8</i>	<i>254.5</i>	<i>17.0</i>	<i>131.2</i>	<i>2.6</i>	
Hockey	70,651	.23	1,652	70,651	456	24,248	30,793	15,075	78	60,535	10,117	69,061	1,590	
				<i>24.3</i>	<i>2.3</i>	<i>59.2</i>	<i>74.7</i>	<i>9.9</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>42.3</i>	<i>6.8</i>	<i>23.7</i>	<i>0.5</i>	
Horseback Riding	71,772	.10	1,633	71,772	1,208	13,538	12,592	42,863	1,572	25,849	45,855	63,035	8,737	
				<i>24.7</i>	<i>6.1</i>	<i>33.0</i>	<i>30.6</i>	<i>28.0</i>	<i>4.4</i>	<i>18.1</i>	<i>31.0</i>	<i>21.7</i>	<i>3.0</i>	
In-line Skating	45,856	.14	1,282	45,856	142	27,199	9,808	8,518	172	25,653	20,186	44,850	1,000	
				<i>15.8</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>66.4</i>	<i>23.8</i>	<i>5.6</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>17.9</i>	<i>13.7</i>	<i>15.4</i>	<i>0.3</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	86,846	.09	2,317	86,846	3,402	41,740	27,233	13,658	796	57,331	29,516	85,446	1,345
				29.9	17.2	101.9	66.1	8.9	2.2	40.1	20.0	29.4	0.5
Nonpowder Guns, BB'S, Pellets	21,138	.11	600	21,138	499	9,278	8,069	3,138	136	18,467	2,654	19,635	1,503
				7.3	2.5	22.6	19.6	2.1	0.4	12.9	1.8	6.8	0.5
Playground Equipment	224,557	.08	7,451	224,557	53,275	158,053	5,582	7,213	434	120,618	103,916	212,396	12,057
				77.2	269.5	385.8	13.5	4.7	1.2	84.3	70.3	73.0	4.1
Racquet Sports	33,362	.16	828	33,362	346	5,597	7,545	16,401	3,472	18,715	14,647	32,926	419
				11.5	1.8	13.7	18.3	10.7	9.7	13.1	9.9	11.3	0.1
Skateboards	97,649	.12	2,556	97,649	1,500	50,096	37,644	8,393	17	86,255	11,395	94,409	3,160
				33.6	7.6	122.3	91.4	5.5	0.0	60.3	7.7	32.5	1.1
Skating (excl. In-line)	84,185	.09	2,377	84,185	1,366	49,042	12,196	21,340	241	33,383	50,802	82,179	1,994
				28.9	6.9	119.7	29.6	14.0	0.7	23.3	34.4	28.3	0.7
Snowmobiles	15,669	.23	266	15,669	39	1,822	4,371	9,283	154	12,990	2,679	13,481	2,188
				5.4	0.2	4.4	10.6	6.1	0.4	9.1	1.8	4.6	0.8
Snowskiing, Snowboarding	113,197	.30	2,490	113,197	362	34,673	41,689	35,123	1,350	78,829	34,368	107,617	5,568
				38.9	1.8	84.6	101.2	23.0	3.8	55.1	23.3	37.0	1.9
Soccer	166,791	.11	4,648	166,791	878	75,044	61,938	28,801	130	100,107	66,667	163,913	2,866
				57.4	4.4	183.2	150.3	18.8	0.4	70.0	45.1	56.4	1.0
Swimming, Pools, Equipment	164,750	.24	4,112	164,750	13,758	69,608	28,400	48,295	4,683	89,438	75,312	159,221	5,517
				56.7	69.6	169.9	68.9	31.6	13.0	62.5	51.0	54.8	1.9
Toboggans, Sleds, Snow Discs, etc.	36,460	.16	902	36,460	1,462	17,260	9,035	8,563	139	20,889	15,571	34,573	1,881
				12.5	7.4	42.1	21.9	5.6	0.4	14.6	10.5	11.9	0.6
Track & Field Activities, Equipment	17,326	.10	503	17,326	12	8,795	7,415	1,036	68	8,256	9,071	16,877	443
				6.0	0.1	21.5	18.0	0.7	0.2	5.8	6.1	5.8	0.2
Trampolines	98,395	.10	2,849	98,395	12,187	68,515	10,089	7,517	86	53,414	44,969	94,626	3,757
				33.8	61.6	167.2	24.5	4.9	0.2	37.3	30.4	32.5	1.3
Volleyball	55,504	.10	1,380	55,504	84	14,772	22,774	17,429	445	20,477	35,027	54,730	761
				19.1	0.4	36.1	55.3	11.4	1.2	14.3	23.7	18.8	0.3
Home Comm'n & Entertainment													
Sound Recording Equipment	39,148	.07	1,042	39,148	5,559	4,365	7,088	14,816	7,320	17,983	21,166	36,884	2,234
				13.5	28.1	10.7	17.2	9.7	20.4	12.6	14.3	12.7	0.8
Television Sets & Stands	53,471	.07	1,537	53,471	13,909	7,229	6,564	20,855	4,913	29,099	24,372	51,604	1,861
				18.4	70.4	17.6	15.9	13.6	13.7	20.3	16.5	17.7	0.6
<i>Personal Use Items</i>													
Cigarettes, Lighters, Fuel	16,315	.11	485	16,315	3,058	1,576	3,675	6,048	1,959	9,676	6,640	13,803	2,512
				5.6	15.5	3.8	8.9	4.0	5.5	6.8	4.5	4.7	0.9
Clothing	187,300	.08	5,224	187,300	10,288	31,797	27,043	87,732	30,440	79,705	107,562	175,194	12,057
				64.4	52.0	77.6	65.6	57.4	84.7	55.7	72.8	60.2	4.1
Drug Poisonings to Children under 5	53,038	.09	1,990	53,038	52,869	0	0	0	0	26,301	26,731	46,196	6,806
				18.2	267.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.4	18.1	15.9	2.3

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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	28,782	.07	943	28,782	9,896	3,222	3,232	9,842	2,590	10,094	18,688	28,092	660
				<i>9.9</i>	<i>50.1</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>7.8</i>	<i>6.4</i>	<i>7.2</i>	<i>7.1</i>	<i>12.6</i>	<i>9.7</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Razors, Shavers, Razor Blades	36,612	.10	873	36,612	3,166	2,902	7,474	19,871	3,198	24,206	12,405	35,837	769
				<i>12.6</i>	<i>16.0</i>	<i>7.1</i>	<i>18.1</i>	<i>13.0</i>	<i>8.9</i>	<i>16.9</i>	<i>8.4</i>	<i>12.3</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Household Containers													
Cans, Other Containers	248,989	.05	6,840	248,989	26,952	27,506	38,360	135,926	20,244	118,317	130,649	242,924	5,875
				<i>85.6</i>	<i>136.3</i>	<i>67.1</i>	<i>93.1</i>	<i>88.9</i>	<i>56.4</i>	<i>82.7</i>	<i>88.4</i>	<i>83.5</i>	<i>2.0</i>
Glass Bottles, Jars	39,095	.08	1,055	39,095	3,365	5,433	9,561	19,104	1,633	23,753	15,342	38,260	836
				<i>13.4</i>	<i>17.0</i>	<i>13.3</i>	<i>23.2</i>	<i>12.5</i>	<i>4.5</i>	<i>16.6</i>	<i>10.4</i>	<i>13.2</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Yard & Garden Equipment													
Chain Saws	27,601	.09	595	27,601	18	700	2,730	20,302	3,850	26,149	1,452	26,369	1,232
				<i>9.5</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>13.3</i>	<i>10.7</i>	<i>18.3</i>	<i>1.0</i>	<i>9.1</i>	<i>0.4</i>
Hand Garden Tools	49,946	.11	1,183	49,946	1,747	4,519	4,005	31,624	8,051	32,833	17,112	47,354	2,592
				<i>17.2</i>	<i>8.8</i>	<i>11.0</i>	<i>9.7</i>	<i>20.7</i>	<i>22.4</i>	<i>23.0</i>	<i>11.6</i>	<i>16.3</i>	<i>0.9</i>
Lawn & Garden Equipment	78,516	.08	1,826	78,516	5,127	8,143	6,686	42,510	16,050	44,945	33,485	74,765	3,751
				<i>27.0</i>	<i>25.9</i>	<i>19.9</i>	<i>16.2</i>	<i>27.8</i>	<i>44.7</i>	<i>31.4</i>	<i>22.7</i>	<i>25.7</i>	<i>1.3</i>
Lawn Mowers	84,021	.10	1,866	84,021	1,920	4,444	7,646	55,297	14,714	62,942	21,003	78,059	5,962
				<i>28.9</i>	<i>9.7</i>	<i>10.8</i>	<i>18.6</i>	<i>36.2</i>	<i>41.0</i>	<i>44.0</i>	<i>14.2</i>	<i>26.8</i>	<i>2.1</i>
Other Power Lawn Equipment	16,783	.12	365	16,783	284	1,884	1,197	10,002	3,416	13,680	3,103	15,439	1,344
				<i>5.8</i>	<i>1.4</i>	<i>4.6</i>	<i>2.9</i>	<i>6.5</i>	<i>9.5</i>	<i>9.6</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>5.3</i>	<i>0.5</i>
Trimmers, Small Power Garden Tools	14,943	.11	314	14,943	92	698	1,050	11,124	1,979	9,980	4,964	14,573	370
				<i>5.1</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>2.5</i>	<i>7.3</i>	<i>5.5</i>	<i>7.0</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>5.0</i>	<i>0.1</i>
Home Workshop Equipment													
Hoists, Lifts, Jacks, etc.	15,240	.08	310	15,240	504	537	2,780	10,133	1,269	13,519	1,722	14,338	902
				<i>5.2</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>1.3</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>3.5</i>	<i>9.5</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>4.9</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Power Home Tools (excl. Saws)	21,661	.12	452	21,661	316	586	2,857	14,422	3,480	19,280	2,381	20,870	791
				<i>7.4</i>	<i>1.6</i>	<i>1.4</i>	<i>6.9</i>	<i>9.4</i>	<i>9.7</i>	<i>13.5</i>	<i>1.6</i>	<i>7.2</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Power Home Workshop Saws	91,149	.08	2,025	91,149	229	2,106	8,864	62,492	17,459	86,166	4,906	85,828	5,321
				<i>31.3</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>21.5</i>	<i>40.9</i>	<i>48.6</i>	<i>60.2</i>	<i>3.3</i>	<i>29.5</i>	<i>1.8</i>
Welding, Soldering, Cutting Tools	19,603	.13	419	19,603	87	458	6,015	12,603	440	18,985	618	19,226	360
				<i>6.7</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>14.6</i>	<i>8.2</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>13.3</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>0.1</i>
Wires, Cords, Not Specified	12,494	.11	303	12,494	488	1,301	1,892	7,494	1,319	9,166	3,329	12,051	437
				<i>4.3</i>	<i>2.5</i>	<i>3.2</i>	<i>4.6</i>	<i>4.9</i>	<i>3.7</i>	<i>6.4</i>	<i>2.3</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Workshop Manual Tools	127,703	.08	2,806	127,703	3,218	7,467	22,115	87,015	7,887	109,632	18,070	124,987	2,648
				<i>43.9</i>	<i>16.3</i>	<i>18.2</i>	<i>53.7</i>	<i>56.9</i>	<i>22.0</i>	<i>76.6</i>	<i>12.2</i>	<i>43.0</i>	<i>0.9</i>
Home Maintenance													
Cleaning Agents (excl. Soaps)	38,201	.07	1,071	38,201	11,873	2,831	3,399	16,947	3,151	16,900	21,301	36,944	1,239
				<i>13.1</i>	<i>60.1</i>	<i>6.9</i>	<i>8.3</i>	<i>11.1</i>	<i>8.8</i>	<i>11.8</i>	<i>14.4</i>	<i>12.7</i>	<i>0.4</i>
Cleaning Equip., Non-caustic Deterg.	33,934	.07	869	33,934	2,863	4,123	3,478	18,181	5,289	14,239	19,695	32,059	1,862
				<i>11.7</i>	<i>14.5</i>	<i>10.1</i>	<i>8.4</i>	<i>11.9</i>	<i>14.7</i>	<i>10.0</i>	<i>13.3</i>	<i>11.0</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
Paints, Solvents, Lubricants	21,854	.11	544	21,854	1,980	1,339	2,169	14,651	1,715	12,787	9,067	20,668	1,174
				<i>7.5</i>	<i>10.0</i>	<i>3.3</i>	<i>5.3</i>	<i>9.6</i>	<i>4.8</i>	<i>8.9</i>	<i>6.1</i>	<i>7.1</i>	<i>0.4</i>
Soaps, Detergents	23,826	.11	707	23,826	4,973	3,276	4,468	9,742	1,366	11,525	12,301	23,533	287
				<i>8.2</i>	<i>25.2</i>	<i>8.0</i>	<i>10.8</i>	<i>6.4</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>8.1</i>	<i>8.3</i>	<i>8.1</i>	<i>0.1</i>
General Household Appliances													
Cooking Ranges, Ovens, etc.	43,356	.07	1,219	43,356	9,256	4,886	5,574	18,507	5,134	18,773	24,583	41,248	2,102
				<i>14.9</i>	<i>46.8</i>	<i>11.9</i>	<i>13.5</i>	<i>12.1</i>	<i>14.3</i>	<i>13.1</i>	<i>16.6</i>	<i>14.2</i>	<i>0.7</i>
Irons, Clothes Steamers (not Toys)	12,818	.08	494	12,818	7,117	1,633	989	2,457	622	6,624	6,194	12,446	335
				<i>4.4</i>	<i>36.0</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>2.4</i>	<i>1.6</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>4.6</i>	<i>4.2</i>	<i>4.3</i>	<i>0.1</i>
Refrigerators, Freezers	35,110	.07	898	35,110	2,139	2,573	5,030	20,030	5,339	19,884	15,226	33,513	1,591
				<i>12.1</i>	<i>10.8</i>	<i>6.3</i>	<i>12.2</i>	<i>13.1</i>	<i>14.9</i>	<i>13.9</i>	<i>10.3</i>	<i>11.5</i>	<i>0.5</i>
Small Kitchen Appliances	34,690	.08	866	34,690	3,512	2,991	5,273	20,080	2,833	12,949	21,742	33,713	971
				<i>11.9</i>	<i>17.8</i>	<i>7.3</i>	<i>12.8</i>	<i>13.1</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>9.1</i>	<i>14.7</i>	<i>11.6</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Washers, Dryers	19,306	.10	463	19,306	1,563	1,744	2,522	12,015	1,462	11,081	8,225	19,152	154
				<i>6.6</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>4.3</i>	<i>6.1</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>7.7</i>	<i>5.6</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>0.1</i>
Heating, Cooling, Vent. Equip.													
Air Conditioners	14,302	.10	355	14,302	877	1,072	2,027	9,000	1,288	10,269	4,034	14,045	257
				<i>4.9</i>	<i>4.4</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>4.9</i>	<i>5.9</i>	<i>3.6</i>	<i>7.2</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>4.8</i>	<i>0.1</i>
Chimneys, Fireplaces	17,207	.13	572	17,207	9,345	2,463	245	4,083	1,071	9,706	7,501	16,713	494
				<i>5.9</i>	<i>47.3</i>	<i>6.0</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>6.8</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Fans (excl. Stove Exhaust Fans)	15,724	.08	414	15,724	2,446	1,415	2,275	7,931	1,657	8,243	7,474	15,078	640
				<i>5.4</i>	<i>12.4</i>	<i>3.5</i>	<i>5.5</i>	<i>5.2</i>	<i>4.6</i>	<i>5.8</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>5.2</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Heating & Plumbing Pipes	41,398	.07	1,079	41,398	4,179	9,051	5,525	18,435	4,208	29,323	12,005	40,335	1,063
				<i>14.2</i>	<i>21.1</i>	<i>22.1</i>	<i>13.4</i>	<i>12.1</i>	<i>11.7</i>	<i>20.5</i>	<i>8.1</i>	<i>13.9</i>	<i>0.4</i>
Heating Stoves, Space Heaters	21,164	.10	547	21,164	6,554	2,975	1,751	7,376	2,508	11,868	9,295	19,056	2,108
				<i>7.3</i>	<i>33.2</i>	<i>7.3</i>	<i>4.2</i>	<i>4.8</i>	<i>7.0</i>	<i>8.3</i>	<i>6.3</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>0.7</i>
Radiators	11,157	.20	346	11,157	3,742	2,547	983	2,424	1,462	6,771	4,386	10,582	545
				<i>3.8</i>	<i>18.9</i>	<i>6.2</i>	<i>2.4</i>	<i>1.6</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>3.6</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Home Furnishings & Fixtures													
Bathroom Structures & Fixtures	303,466	.06	7,946	303,466	34,582	21,303	27,557	134,413	85,595	121,821	181,628	275,978	27,451
				<i>104.4</i>	<i>174.9</i>	<i>52.0</i>	<i>66.9</i>	<i>87.9</i>	<i>238.3</i>	<i>85.2</i>	<i>122.9</i>	<i>94.9</i>	<i>9.4</i>
Beds, Mattresses, Pillows	517,834	.06	15,284	517,834	140,559	76,967	34,789	117,915	147,564	235,205	282,560	467,601	50,057
				<i>178.1</i>	<i>711.0</i>	<i>187.9</i>	<i>84.4</i>	<i>77.1</i>	<i>410.8</i>	<i>164.4</i>	<i>191.2</i>	<i>160.8</i>	<i>17.2</i>
Carpets, Rugs	125,082	.08	3,467	125,082	18,624	9,140	7,519	40,308	49,491	38,428	86,654	108,412	16,639
				<i>43.0</i>	<i>94.2</i>	<i>22.3</i>	<i>18.2</i>	<i>26.4</i>	<i>137.8</i>	<i>26.9</i>	<i>58.6</i>	<i>37.3</i>	<i>5.7</i>
Chairs, Sofas, Sofa Beds	444,769	.05	12,740	444,769	127,510	57,476	31,153	129,762	98,809	200,213	244,455	412,827	31,675
				<i>152.9</i>	<i>645.0</i>	<i>140.3</i>	<i>75.6</i>	<i>84.8</i>	<i>275.1</i>	<i>140.0</i>	<i>165.4</i>	<i>142.0</i>	<i>10.9</i>
Desks, Cabinets, Shelves, Racks	260,687	.06	7,220	260,687	57,069	45,758	27,144	93,461	37,254	124,362	136,325	253,104	7,510
				<i>89.6</i>	<i>288.7</i>	<i>111.7</i>	<i>65.9</i>	<i>61.1</i>	<i>103.7</i>	<i>86.9</i>	<i>92.3</i>	<i>87.0</i>	<i>2.6</i>
Electric Fixt., Lamps, Equip.	53,139	.06	1,424	53,139	7,087	7,517	7,054	24,064	7,417	30,138	23,000	50,012	3,120
				<i>18.3</i>	<i>35.9</i>	<i>18.3</i>	<i>17.1</i>	<i>15.7</i>	<i>20.6</i>	<i>21.1</i>	<i>15.6</i>	<i>17.2</i>	<i>1.1</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
Holiday, Party Supplies	13,488	.11	371	13,488	3,705	1,194	1,083	6,035	1,471	7,123	6,348	12,522	960
				4.6	18.7	2.9	2.6	3.9	4.1	5.0	4.3	4.3	0.3
Ladders, Stools	222,441	.07	5,418	222,441	12,513	9,723	14,393	146,027	39,768	149,839	72,535	204,594	17,841
				76.5	63.3	23.7	34.9	95.5	110.7	104.8	49.1	70.4	6.1
Mirrors, Mirror Glass	23,287	.07	680	23,287	2,465	3,104	6,756	10,410	552	12,208	11,011	22,976	304
				8.0	12.5	7.6	16.4	6.8	1.5	8.5	7.5	7.9	0.1
Misc. Household Covers, Fabrics	22,450	.08	566	22,450	2,166	1,691	2,138	10,932	5,523	7,109	15,341	20,418	2,026
				7.7	11.0	4.1	5.2	7.1	15.4	5.0	10.4	7.0	0.7
Other Misc. Furniture & Accessories	113,107	.08	2,870	113,107	8,285	4,889	14,289	77,197	8,447	54,545	58,545	110,903	2,186
				38.9	41.9	11.9	34.7	50.5	23.5	38.1	39.6	38.1	0.8
Tables, not elsewhere classified	305,248	.05	9,190	305,248	120,210	46,168	22,304	75,082	41,433	160,105	145,074	295,372	9,748
				105.0	608.1	112.7	54.1	49.1	115.4	111.9	98.2	101.6	3.4
Home Structures & Const. Mat.													
Cabinet/Door Hardware	20,340	.10	521	20,340	4,776	3,751	1,791	6,521	3,500	10,217	10,123	19,780	547
				7.0	24.2	9.2	4.3	4.3	9.7	7.1	6.9	6.8	0.2
Fences	114,558	.07	3,203	114,558	6,401	35,728	23,939	41,339	7,150	79,853	34,637	110,324	4,167
				39.4	32.4	87.2	58.1	27.0	19.9	55.8	23.4	37.9	1.4
Glass Doors, Windows, Panels	162,870	.05	4,630	162,870	13,335	25,726	49,322	66,277	8,210	101,955	60,914	156,240	6,580
				56.0	67.5	62.8	119.7	43.3	22.9	71.3	41.2	53.7	2.3
Handrails, Railings, Banisters	40,502	.07	1,257	40,502	4,713	8,533	5,764	15,567	5,925	20,976	19,526	38,589	1,889
				13.9	23.8	20.8	14.0	10.2	16.5	14.7	13.2	13.3	0.6
Non-glass Doors, Panels	327,791	.05	10,017	327,791	60,435	69,676	49,311	110,708	37,661	160,505	167,286	319,566	8,012
				112.7	305.7	170.1	119.7	72.4	104.9	112.2	113.2	109.9	2.8
Outside Attached Struct. & Mat.	21,409	.10	524	21,409	1,111	1,680	3,083	13,221	2,314	17,618	3,790	19,207	2,202
				7.4	5.6	4.1	7.5	8.6	6.4	12.3	2.6	6.6	0.8
Stairs, Ramps, Landings, Floors	2,074,047	.07	56,654	2,074,047	234,983	185,310	232,395	868,466	552,805	764,054	1,309,835	1,846,543	226,967
				713.2	1188.6	452.3	564.0	567.8	1539.0	534.2	886.4	635.0	78.0
Window, Door Sills, Frames	60,564	.09	1,588	60,564	14,564	8,752	6,741	20,059	10,448	29,118	31,446	58,678	1,786
				20.8	73.7	21.4	16.4	13.1	29.1	20.4	21.3	20.2	0.6
Miscellaneous Products													
Dollies, Carts	47,101	.07	1,451	47,101	21,173	4,128	3,192	14,012	4,596	21,949	25,151	45,537	1,557
				16.2	107.1	10.1	7.7	9.2	12.8	15.3	17.0	15.7	0.5
Elevators, Other Lifts	19,618	.18	702	19,618	1,812	1,666	1,972	7,482	6,687	8,059	11,559	18,449	1,157
				6.7	9.2	4.1	4.8	4.9	18.6	5.6	7.8	6.3	0.4
Gasoline, Diesel Fuels	15,567	.12	386	15,567	1,583	1,826	2,818	8,475	864	12,727	2,840	13,386	2,181
				5.4	8.0	4.5	6.8	5.5	2.4	8.9	1.9	4.6	0.8

***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 Census Bureau's July 1, 2003 U.S. resident population estimates.

Consumer Product Incident Report

Please contact us about any injury or death involving consumer products. Call us toll free at: **1-800-638-8095**. Visit our website at **www.cpsc.gov**. Or, fill out the form below. Send it to: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission/EHDS, Washington, DC 20207 or fax it to: **1-800-809-0924**. We may contact you for further details. Please provide as much information as possible. Thank you.

YOUR NAME _____

YOUR ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

YOUR TELEPHONE _____

NAME OF VICTIM (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____

DESCRIBE THE INCIDENT OR HAZARD, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES

VICTIM'S AGE _____ SEX _____ DATE OF INCIDENT _____

DESCRIBE PRODUCT INVOLVED _____

PRODUCT BRAND NAME/MANUFACTURER _____

IS PRODUCT INVOLVED STILL AVAILABLE? YES NO PRODUCT MODEL AND SERIAL NUMBER _____

WHEN WAS THE PRODUCT PURCHASED? _____

This information is collected by authority of 15 U.S.C. 2054 and may be shared with product manufacturers, distributors, or retailers. No names or other personal information, however, will be disclosed without explicit permission.



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MECAP NEWS

Medical Examiners and Coroners Alert Project

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

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*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 December 2003, and January and February 2004, 1,007 cases were reported to CPSC by medical examiners and coroners. Included here are samples of cases to illustrate the type and nature of the reported incidents.

ASPHYXIATIONS/SUFFOCATIONS

*A male, 18 months, was playing with his 2-year-old sister in a spare bedroom at their grandmother's home. His mother and aunt were cleaning the master bedroom of the home. A short time later, the women entered the spare bedroom to find the unresponsive child lying on a mattress with the pullcord of a horizontal mini-blind around his neck. The cause of death was anoxic brain injury due to strangulation. (Kenneth S. Snell, M.D., Medical Examiner, Mecklenburg County, Charlotte, NC)

*A male, 5, was taking turns driving a 4-wheeled all-terrain vehicle (ATV) with other children. The child and his passenger, 7, were told by one of their fathers to ride the ATV to a field, turn around, and come back. The ATV overturned and pinned the driver underneath it. The passenger ran back to the farm to tell the father, who ran back to the ATV. He lifted the ATV off the child and drove the boy to the hospital. The boy was then airlifted to another hospital, where he died. The cause of death was traumatic asphyxia due to chest compression. (Shirley Stover-Wilkins for Andrea N. Minyard, M.D., Interim Chief Medical Examiner, District One, Pensacola, FL)

*A male, 8 months, was placed by his mother in his playpen for a nap. She placed a wooden-frame baby gate on top of the playpen to keep the child from climbing out. Several hours later, the mother went to check on the child and found him unresponsive. He was standing in the playpen with his neck wedged between the wooden gate and the edge of the playpen. The cause of death was asphyxia by neck compression. (Margarita Arruza, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, District 4, Jacksonville, FL)

*A male, 9, was driving a 4-wheeled all-terrain vehicle (ATV) into a machine shop on his family's farm. The machine shop was equipped with an automatic garage door opener. About 10 or 15 minutes later, the father found the boy lying backwards on the ATV with the bottom of the garage door resting on the boy's chest. The cause of death was mechanical/compressional asphyxia. (George R. Mizell,

M.D., State Forensic Medical Examiner, Bismarck, ND)

*A male, 2, was watching cartoons in his family room while his mother cleaned the house. She checked on him about an hour later and found him unresponsive, hanging from the cord of a vertical blind in front of a sliding door. The cause of death was hanging. (Linda Biedrzycki, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, Waukesha County, Waukesha, WI)

*A male, 2, opened the oven door of an electric range and climbed up on the door. The range tipped over and pinned the child between the oven door and the stove. The cause of death was asphyxia. (Kent Dill, Deputy Coroner for B. Parks Evans, Jr., D-ABMDI, Coroner, Greenville County, Greenville, SC)

*A male, 9, was riding a 4-wheeled all-terrain vehicle (ATV) through a fruit orchard. He collided with a tree and fell backwards onto the rear rack of the ATV. The ATV continued forward, and the boy was found unresponsive, wedged between the rear rack and a limb of the tree. The cause of death was anoxic encephalopathy due to compressional asphyxia. (Brian Mazrim, M.D., Associate Medical Examiner, King County, Seattle, WA)

CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) POISONINGS

*A male, 39, a female, 57, and a female, age unknown, along with three other family members, were found unresponsive in their home by a relative. The relative knew the family had flu-like symptoms and became concerned when her telephone calls to the home were not answered. The first three people died, and the other three were admitted to the hospital in critical condition. The home was heated by a propane furnace that had blockages of soot and debris in its exhaust system. Windows in the home were covered by plastic to keep out the cold. The family had no CO alarm. The cause of death for the male was hypoxic encephalopathy due to carbon monoxide intoxication. The cause of death for the two women, who died at the scene, was carbon monoxide toxicity. (Elizabeth A. Laposata, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, State of Rhode Island, Providence, RI and H. Wayne Carver II, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, State of Connecticut, Framington, CT)

*Two sisters, 59 and 60, were found unresponsive in their home by relatives. The sisters were overcome by CO from a natural gas boiler that heated their home. The vent pipe of the boiler had large holes in it and

had cracked where it entered the chimney. The home was equipped with smoke detectors but had no CO alarms. The cause of death was carbon monoxide intoxication. (Terry Browne for Bennett I. Omalu, M.D., Forensic Pathologist/ Neuropathologist, Coroner's Office, Allegheny County, Pittsburgh, PA)

DROWNING

*A male, 1, was eating dinner and watching television with his grandmother. The child walked out of the room. About ten minutes later, the grandmother found him in a five-gallon bucket. He was in the bucket headfirst, with his legs sticking out. CPR was administered, and the child was rushed to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead. The bucket was being used to catch water leaking from pipes in the ceiling. The cause of death was drowning. (Robert Yee for Monica Smiddy, M.D., Medical Examiner, City of New York, NY)

*Two males, 18 months, were placed in a bathtub with their slightly older sister. Their mother left them in the tub with the water running and went to get a camera for some pictures. The television was on in the other room, and the mother became distracted. After about ten minutes, the mother returned to the bathroom to find the twins floating in the bath water. The cause of death was drowning. (John Kraemer, P.A., for Dennis F. Klein, M.D., Deputy State Medical Examiner, Des Moines, IA)

A male, 23 months, was driven home from the grocery store by his mother. The mother unloaded the groceries from the car, and the child went into the home. When the mother went to look for him, she found him lying facedown at the bottom of their backyard pool. The pool had been drained, but two feet of rain water had accumulated in it. The cause of death was drowning. (Vincent J.M. Di Maio, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, Bexar County, San Antonio, TX)

A male, 3, was at his home with his mother and some other children. His mother was preparing dinner and thought the child was upstairs playing with the other children. The boy was found unresponsive, submerged in the backyard swimming pool. The swimming pool was fenced, but the fence had several large holes in it. The cause of death was drowning. (Diana Hunter, Administrative Coroner, Santa Clara County, San Jose, CA)

ELECTROCUTIONS

A male, 25, was placing a television an-

tenna on the roof of his home. He touched an overhead power line while standing on a ladder and died. The cause of death was electrocution. (Luis A. Sanchez, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, Harris County, Houston, TX)

A male, 58, was cleaning out a swimming pool with a sump pump connected to an extension cord. He was later found unresponsive at the bottom of the pool in a small amount of water. The cause of death was electrocution. (Susan Boone, Coroner, Sangamon County, Springfield, IL)

FIRES

A male, 40, was watching his children and his grandson, 2, at his home when an explosion occurred in his garage. He removed his two children from his home but couldn't find his grandson. He re-entered his burning home and was later found dead in the garage not far from his grandson. An exploded gasoline container was found under the child. The garage contained a gas-water heater and two working refrigerators. Fire investigators believed that flammable liquids were spilled, and the fumes were ignited by the pilot light of the water heater or the refrigerators. The cause of both deaths was smoke inhalation. (N. Turner Gray, M.D., Medical Examiner, Tidewater District, Norfolk, VA)

*A female, 2, was sleeping in her home along with her young brothers, when a fire broke out. Other occupants of the home were able to escape, but the child was found unresponsive by fire fighters. The ignition source of the fire was a used torchiere lamp that was in disrepair and lacked a wire guard for the light bulb. The home had smoke detectors, but the batteries were not installed. The cause of death was extensive thermal burns and smoke inhalation. (Massoud Vameghi, M.D., Assistant Medical Examiner-Coroner, Santa Clara County, San Jose, CA)

POISONINGS

*A male, 14 months, was in the kitchen of his home with his mother and sister. The mother left the kitchen and went into the bathroom. A short time later, the mother left the bathroom and heard her son retching and crying. She rushed to the kitchen to find the child sitting on the floor in front of the sink with an open bottle of tire cleaner. The child was rushed to the hospital, where he died. The cause of death was systemic toxicity. (James Kramer, P.A., D-ABMDI, Coroner, Pueblo County, Pueblo, CO)

MISCELLANEOUS

*A male, 6, was at soccer practice with his team. He was the goalie of the team and was struck in the head by the soccer goal when it fell over. The goal was not secured to the ground. The cause of death was cardiorespiratory arrest due to craniocerebral injuries. (Catherine Thorsen for Orlando Portillo, Deputy Coroner, Lake County, Waukegan, IL)

*A female, 22 months, was in the yard of her home watching her brother cut the grass with a riding lawnmower. The child ran in front of the mower as her brother started to go forward. The boy tried to brake, but his foot slipped off the brake, and the mower ran over the girl. The father of the children had been watching them but was putting the gasoline container away when the incident occurred. He ran to the mower and lifted it off the girl. Emergency medical services personnel revived the child, and she was taken by helicopter to a hospital, where she died. The cause of death was head injuries. (Dolores Jones-Butler for Leslie A. Tull, M.D., Forensic Pathology Fellow, City of Philadelphia, PA)

A female, 14, was in the kitchen of her home with her brother. He accidentally shot her in the neck with a BB rifle. The girl was taken to the hospital, where she was treated and released. Five days later, she was found unresponsive and later pronounced dead. The cause of death was gastric perforation as a complication of a BB pellet wound of the neck. (Richard Siclari, Deputy Coroner for Dr. Ronald M. Holmes, Coroner, Jefferson County, Louisville, KY)

*A female, 10, was a passenger riding on a 4-wheeled all-terrain vehicle (ATV) driven by her 11-year-old friend. As the girls entered an intersection, the driver could not locate the ATV's brake, and the ATV overturned. Both girls were ejected from the ATV, and the passenger struck her head on the dirt roadway and died. The driver survived, although neither girl was wearing a helmet. The cause of death was blunt-force head trauma. (Rodney Bryan for Anthony Clark, M.D., Associate Medical Examiner, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Moultrie, GA)

— *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 Web site at www.cpsc.gov.

Oscillating Fans

Product: About 2.2 million "SMC" brand oscillating floor fans by SMC Marketing Corp. and Home Depot U.S.A., Inc. The recall includes 18-inch, pedestal floor fans with model number SR-18 or SP-18. The model number is on the back of the fan beside the on/off button. All of the recalled fans are white with the brand name, "SMC," written on the face plate of the front grill. Home Depot sold these fans from January 1997 through October 2001 for about \$20. The recalled fans also were sold at other retailers, some of which have gone out of business. Home Depot is a major retailer and importer of these fans. These fans were supplied by Shell Electric Manufacturing (China) Co. Ltd. SMC Marketing Corp. represents Shell Electric Manufacturing (China) Co. Ltd. in the United States.

Problem: The electric power cord can be damaged by the oscillation motion of the fan. The damage to the cord can result in a short circuit and possible ignition of the plastic case, posing a fire hazard. CPSC is aware of 31 incidents in which the cord on these fans was damaged, which resulted in smoke and fires. At least nine of these incidents resulted in substantial property damage.

What to do: Stop using the recalled fans immediately and either return them to the Home Depot for a store credit, or contact SMC Marketing Corp. for instructions on receiving a refund. Home Depot will accept all recalled fans. For information on receiving a refund, consumers should contact SMC Marketing Corp. toll-free at (800) 527-3675 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday. For more information about store returns, consumers can call Home Depot toll-free at (800) 553-3199 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday. Recall information also is available at the Home Depot's Web site: www.homedepot.com.

TV/VCR Carts

Product: About 592,000 TV/VCR carts by Sauder Woodworking Co. These TV/VCR carts were sold in a kit to be assembled by consumers. They are identical in design and construction, but not color. One model is a light-colored oak finish and the other model is a dark-colored cherry finish. The TV/VCR carts are about 29.5-inches wide, 18-inches deep and 27-inches high. The carts are equipped with a top shelf intended to support up to a 27-inch television, a middle shelf intended to hold a VCR, and a lower storage area intended to hold VCR tapes and equipment. The products were provided with shelves for holding VHS tapes that were to be installed on the inside of the two hinged doors enclosing the lower storage area. The recalled carts have four removable casters attached to each bottom corner of the cart. The TV/VCR carts included in the recall are models 2655 and 2755. The model number is not on the cart, but it is on the instruction booklet that came with the cart. Department, discount, and home electronic stores nationwide sold these TV/VCR carts from January 1993 through December 1999 for about \$100.

Problem: The carts can tip over and injure or kill children and adults when the cart and the television fall. Sauder Woodworking has received 13 reports of these carts tipping over. The firm received a report of the death of a 19-month-old girl in North Wales, Pa., who suffered a fractured skull when the cart and television fell on her. There were four reports of additional injuries involving children and adults. One report involved a skull fracture to a child who recovered and three reports involved bumps and bruises.

What to do: Stop using the TV/VCR carts immediately and do the following: Remove the television and all the contents from these carts; turn the cart over and remove the four casters from the bottom of the cart. This will improve the stability of the carts. Contact Sauder Woodworking Co. to receive a free repair kit that will further reduce the potential for the cart and television to tip. Do not use the cart until the repair kit has been installed. This cart is intended to hold a TV that weighs 95 pounds or less. This includes most 24-inch and smaller TVs, and may include some 27-inch TVs. For more information and to order the free repair kit, consumers should contact Sauder Woodworking Co. toll-free at (888) 800-4590 anytime, or visit the firm's Web site at www.sauder.com.

Children's Outerwear

Product: About 666,000 children's zippered outerwear by Old Navy LLC. This recall involves children's outerwear garments with a clear, oval-shaped zipper pull. The garments were sold in sizes 6 months to 4T. Style numbers are printed on a white label sewn into the garment. The label is located un-

der the garment-care tag. Description and style numbers: Fur Trim Coat-210209, 1/2 zip mock neck fleece pullover-210210, 1/2 zip mock neck fleece pullover/floral-210211, 1/2 zip mock neck fleece pullover/striped-210212, frost free jacket-210672, quilted fur coat-210673, and fleece jumper hoodie-210228.

Problem: The plastic zipper pull can detach from the zipper, posing a choking hazard to young children. Old Navy has received 13 reports of the zipper pulls detaching, including one report of a child mouthing the object. No injuries have been reported. Old Navy stores and oldnavy.com nationwide sold these garments from November 2003 through May 2004 from between \$14 and \$34. Garments were manufactured in Korea, Vietnam, and the Philippines.

What to do: Return the garments to any Old Navy store for a refund and a complimentary \$5 appreciation card. Consumers can call Old Navy toll-free at (866) 580-9930 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday; 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday; and 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Toy Vehicles

Product: About 314,000 "BATMAN™ BATMOBILE™" toy cars by Mattel Inc. The recalled "BATMAN™ BATMOBILE™" toy car is a 20-inch blue and gray plastic vehicle with a detachable motorcycle. Model number B4944 is written on the bottom of the toy vehicle. The toy car was sold at mass merchants and toy stores nationwide from June 2003 through February 2004 for about \$27. The toy was manufactured in China.

Problem: The rear tail wings of the Batmobile are made of rigid plastic and come to a point, which pose a potential puncture or laceration hazard to young children. Mattel has received 14 reports of injuries consisting of scrapes, scratches, lacerations, and punctures. Four of the injuries required medical treatment.

What to do: Take these toys away from children immediately and contact the firm for information on receiving free replacement wings. Mattel is providing free repair kits containing two replacement wings without pointed ends that snap onto the toy vehicle. The repair can be done quickly and easily at home; instructions will be provided. Consumers can call Mattel at (888) 271-9891 anytime or visit www.service.mattel.com to determine if their toy is among the recalled models and to order the free replacement wings if needed.

Baby Strollers

Product: About 300,000 COSCO® "Rock 'N Roller" baby strollers by Dorel Juvenile Group USA. The COSCO® "Rock 'N Roller" strollers have seats that can be removed from the stroller frame. The detached seat can function as a bassinet, or be repositioned on the stroller frame facing front or back. The stroller has a dark blue or green metal frame with four wheels on the front and two wheels on the back. The side folding area of the frame has a white plastic cover that is labeled "Rock 'N Roller by Geoby COSCO®." There is a label on the back of the frame containing one of the following model numbers: "01-654, 01-622, 01-624, 01-646 or 01-656." The seat cover is usually a dark blue or green printed fabric with "COSCO® A Dorel Company" printed on the footrest. The strollers were sold at Wal-Mart, Kmart, Sears, Toys R Us, Target, JC Penney's, Service Merchandise, and other toy and children's furniture stores nationwide from April 1996 through August 2002 for between \$79 and \$179. The strollers were manufactured in China.

Problem: If the stop pins are bent or missing or the seat is not fully attached, the seat can partially detach from the frame during use and the infant occupant can be injured in a fall. There have been 77 reports of problems related to the stroller seats. Injuries included one child who fell and had a slight concussion and another child who cut his forehead and required stitches. Additionally, there were 46 reports of bumps and bruises.

What to do: Stop using the recalled "Rock 'N Roller" strollers with detachable seats immediately and call the firm to determine how to inspect the stroller for possible replacement. Consumers can contact Dorel Juvenile Group at (800) 711-0402 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, visit the firm's Web site at www.djgusa.com, or email rnrd@djgusa.com.

Radio-Control Toy Trucks

Product: About 287,000 radio-control toy trucks by Nikko America Inc. The recalled toy trucks were manufactured from April 2003 through January 2004. The trucks are 1/10 scale models (approximately 18 inches in length) of the Chevy Avalanche (model 100021A), the Jeep Wrangler Rubicon (model 100022A and 100022B), the Hummer Wagon (model 100023A and 100023B) and the Ford F150 (model 100024A and 100024B). Model numbers can be found on the body of the truck, along with the vehicle make and model names. Major toy and discount department stores nationwide sold the toy trucks from July 2003 through February 2004 for about \$60.

Problem: A problem with the circuit board causes the toy truck to overheat,

posing a fire and burn hazard. Nikko America has received five reports of the toy trucks overheating, resulting in minor property damage caused by fire and smoke. No injuries have been reported.

What to do: Stop using the toy trucks and contact Nikko America for instructions on returning the product for a free circuit board replacement. Contact Nikko America toll-free at (866) 232-6013 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at www.nikkoamerica.com/recall.

Children's Board Books

Product: About 214,000 children's board books with sound maker by DK Publishing Inc. The heavy cardboard books were sold under eight different titles that feature photos or illustrations of the title theme: Dinosaurs, Emergency! (with a fire truck on the cover), Kitty's Adventure, On The Road (with a yellow Volkswagen Beetle on the cover), Puppy's Busy Day, Tractors, Trains, and Trucks. All the books have a raised sound button in the lower right corner, which features a sound relevant to the title. The "DK" logo is in the lower left corner of the books. The books were sold at bookstores, gift stores, news stands, discount department stores, and warehouse clubs nationwide, and directly to consumers by phone order from March 2001 through April 2004 for about \$8. The books were manufactured in China.

Problem: The sound maker mounted inside a plastic covering on the last page of the books poses a choking hazard to young children if removed. DK Publishing has received one report of a 22-month-old child detaching the sound maker of one of the books and putting it in his mouth. The child was not injured.

What to do: Take these books away from young children immediately and contact DK Publishing to receive a replacement book of equal value or a refund. Consumers should contact DK Publishing at (800) 505-4726 between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. ET Monday through Thursday and between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. ET on Friday; or send an email to recall@dk.com.

Ride-On Toys

Product: About 70,000 ride-on toy trucks for repair by Tek Nek Toys. The ride-on toys were sold under five model names including Butterfly Girl, Fire Rescue, Mermaid, Police Car, and Tonka Construction Crew. The toys can be used as a ride-on or push walker toy, with a handle on the back of the seat rest. These toys were sold for children ages 1 to 3 years old. On the dash of the ride-on toys are buttons which produce sounds when activated. The recalled Ride-on vehicles have a date code from 20021127 to 20030319. The date code is located in the battery compartment located on the top panel next to the steering wheel. Wal-Mart, Toys R Us, Kmart, Meijer and Shopko sold the ride-on toys nationwide from December 2002 through March 2004 for about \$30.

Problem: The screw and nut assembly attaching the steering wheel can come loose, posing a choking and aspiration hazard to young children. Tek Nek Toys has received six reports of the screw and nut coming loose, including the death of an 18-month-old boy who aspirated a screw.

What to do: Take these recalled ride-on toy vehicles away from young children immediately and contact Tek Nek Toys for free replacement parts. For more information, contact Tek Nek toys at (888) 661-0222 anytime or visit Tek Nek's website at www.teknekt toys.com.

Baby Walkers

Product: About 20,000 Dream On Me Baby Walkers by Dream On Me Industries. The recalled baby walkers have model number 408 or 423 written on a label sewn into the seats. Model 408 has a white and black tray and a black printed fabric base and seat, measuring about 25 inches by 28 inches. Model 423 has a red tray and a purple plastic base measuring about 25 inches by 28 inches. Both models have eight snap in wheels and a label sewn into the seat that reads "DREAM ON ME IND INC. BROOKLYN, NY 112321, MADE IN CHINA." Walkers were sold at small toy and juvenile product stores in the metropolitan New York area from April 2002 through March 2004 for about \$25 for model 408 and about \$30 for model 423. Walkers were manufactured in China.

Problem: The walkers will fit through a standard doorway and are not designed to stop at the edge of a step. Babies using these walkers can be seriously injured or killed if they fall down stairs. No injuries have been reported with the baby walkers. This recall is being conducted to prevent the possibility of injury.

What to do: Stop using the recalled walkers immediately and return the walkers to the retailer where purchased to receive a refund. For additional information on returning the product, contact Dream On Me Industries representatives at (877) 768-5500 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.

Wheelbarrows

Product: About 647,000 wheelbarrows by O. Ames, a predecessor company of

Ames True Temper. The wheel assemblies on these wheelbarrows have a black plastic rim and have an approximately 14-inch diameter wheel. They have red, green, or orange tubs or trays made of steel or plastic and were sold under the brand names "Easy Roller," "Homeowner," "Mustang," or "Thoroughbred." The brand name was printed on the label attached to the tray at the time of purchase. Wheelbarrows with metal wheel assemblies are not part of this recall. No "True Temper" or "Jackson" wheelbarrow is part of this recall. Hardware stores and home centers nationwide sold the recalled wheelbarrows from January 1993 through December 2000 for between \$20 and \$30. **Problem:** The plastic wheel assemblies on these wheelbarrows can break when the tires are being inflated. This can result in plastic pieces exploding from the rims of the wheels, possibly hitting nearby consumers and causing lacerations and other injuries. Ames True Temper has learned of additional serious incidents involving the recalled wheelbarrows since the original recall announcement. A total of 21 incidents have occurred from 1996 to the present, including injuries involving hand, arm and facial fractures, and cuts. In a few cases, more serious and permanent injuries have been reported.

What to do: Stop using these wheelbarrows immediately. To prevent further injuries, consumers should not inflate the tires on these wheelbarrows. Ames True Temper is offering a free replacement steel wheel assembly for each wheelbarrow and is offering consumers a free gardening tool gift as an incentive to have this repair performed. In addition to the free replacement wheel assembly and free gardening tool incentive, the company is conducting the recall campaign with new measures to reach home gardeners who are the primary users of these recalled wheelbarrows. These new measures include placing ads in gardening publications, providing recall information to editors and webmasters of specialty gardening magazines and Web sites, and providing new point-of-sale posters to retailers. For more information, call Ames True Temper toll-free at (866) 239-2281 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the company's Web site at www.amestruetemper.com.

Children's Athletic Shoes

Product: About 441,000 Smart Fit™ and Teeny Toes™ athletic shoes by Payless ShoeSource Inc. These are children's athletic shoes in prewalk and toddler sizes. The shoes are white with different color trim and come in sizes 0 to 10. The brand name "Smart Fit" or "Teeny Toes" is written on the sole and insole of the shoes. The recalled shoes have one of the following five-digit numbers, found on a label on the bottom of the shoe tongue: 31056, 31057, 31219, 32264, 32265, 33060, and 33061. No other styles or models are included in this recall. The shoes were sold at Payless ShoeSource stores and through their Web site nationwide from December 2003 through April 2004 for about \$10. **Problem:** The metal eyelet lace holder at the top of the shoes can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children. Payless ShoeSource has received one report of a child starting to choke on a detached eyelet from one of these shoes. No injuries have been reported.

What to do: Take the recalled shoes away from young children immediately and return the shoes to a Payless ShoeSource store for a cash refund or exchange. For more information, call Payless toll-free at (800) 654-0697 between 7:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. CT Monday through Saturday, and between 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, or visit its Web site at www.payless.com.

Children's Mirror Books

Product: About 225,000 vinyl mirror books by Kids II Inc. The recalled picture books are brightly colored, made of flexible vinyl, and contain a plastic mirror on one of the inside pages. The recalled books come in four models: "Baby's Fun Book," "Baby's Photo Album," "Picture This Vinyl Book," and "Carter's Imagination Picture Book." The name "Kids II" is printed on the back cover of each book, except for the "Imagination Picture Book" which has "Carter's" printed on the front and back covers. The books were sold at mass merchandise and juvenile specialty stores nationwide from December 2001 through March 2004 for between \$4 and \$8. The books were manufactured in China.

Problem: The mirror in the books can crack or break, posing a laceration hazard to young children. Kids II has received 26 reports of the mirror cracking or breaking, including four reports of cuts and one report of a pinched finger.

What to do: Take the product away from small children immediately and detach and mail the mirror page of the product to Kids II at 1015 Windward Ridge Parkway, Alpharetta, GA 30005 for a refund. Consumers can also call Kids II toll-free at (877) 325-7056 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or log on to www.kidsii.com.

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