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Powered Scooters

Staff from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) recently conducted a special study to track injuries associated with powered scooters -- a recreational product growing in popularity.

From July 2003 through June 2004, an estimated 10,015 powered scooter-related emergency room-treated injuries were reported through CPSC's National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS).

Two-thirds of the powered scooter injury victims were younger than 15 years old. Sixty percent of those injured were male. Approximately half of the injuries were contusions, abrasions, lacerations, or hematomas. Concussions and internal head injuries accounted for about 8% of the injuries.

From October 1998 through November 2004, CPSC received reports of 49 deaths involving powered scooters. The ages of the deceased ranged from 6 to 86. One quarter of the victims were under 15. Forty-three were male.

Hazard Patterns and Injuries

Powered scooters are similar to two-wheel scooters, but are powered by either a battery-operated electric motor or by a gasoline engine. The battery-powered scooters tend to have smaller wheels, not go as fast, and cost less. More than half of the injuries were associated with gasoline-powered scooters (55%). Preliminary estimates show that 2003 annual sales of electric and gas-powered scooters were approximately the same.

The powered scooter contributed to the incident in about 20% of the injuries. Scenarios included: the brake failed to engage; the victim was cut on a sharp edge; the front wheel wobbled prior to the incident; the handlebar came loose and detached; and a burn resulted from touching a hot part of the gas-powered scooter.

Safety Equipment

Fewer than half of the victims were wearing helmets, and few were wearing any other safety equipment. Victims under 15 were slightly more likely to wear a helmet (47%) than victims 15 and older (33%). Of those who suffered a head injury and were not wearing a helmet, helmet use may have reduced or prevented the injury. For a complete copy of the report, *Powered Scooter Special Study*, please go to www.cpsc.gov.

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Safety Tips for Riding Powered Scooters

- Wear a bicycle helmet that meets CPSC's bike helmet standard, along with knee and elbow pads.
- Ride on smooth surfaces. Avoid dirt, sand, gravel, and water, which can cause falls.
- Do not ride scooters at night.
- CPSC recommends that children 12 and under not ride fast-moving powered scooters.
- Check with local authorities for riding guidelines and restrictions. Many local jurisdictions prohibit the use of powered scooters on roadways and sidewalks.

NEISS Data Highlights – 2004

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 2004 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: 301-504-0424) and online www.cpsc.gov/library/neiss.html. 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	82,452	.10	2,900	82,452	65,221	3,196	3,500	9,122	1,413	39,572	42,873	79,344	3,095
				<i>28.1</i>	<i>325.0</i>	<i>7.8</i>	<i>8.4</i>	<i>5.9</i>	<i>3.9</i>	<i>27.4</i>	<i>28.8</i>	<i>27.0</i>	<i>1.1</i>
Toys													
All Toys	202,679	.07	6,394	202,679	72,693	84,286	15,016	26,011	4,673	118,158	84,490	197,569	5,098
				<i>69.0</i>	<i>362.2</i>	<i>206.8</i>	<i>36.0</i>	<i>16.8</i>	<i>12.9</i>	<i>81.7</i>	<i>56.7</i>	<i>67.3</i>	<i>1.7</i>
Sports & Recreational Equipment													
ATV's, Mopeds, Minibikes, etc.	250,767	.08	5,557	250,767	4,287	68,698	81,101	90,766	5,899	193,253	57,498	223,462	27,211
				<i>85.4</i>	<i>21.4</i>	<i>168.6</i>	<i>194.5</i>	<i>58.6</i>	<i>16.3</i>	<i>133.7</i>	<i>38.6</i>	<i>76.1</i>	<i>9.3</i>
Amusement Attractions (incl. Rides)	24,639	.15	686	24,639	2,747	10,719	3,674	7,439	59	11,638	12,931	24,420	219
				<i>8.4</i>	<i>13.7</i>	<i>26.3</i>	<i>8.8</i>	<i>4.8</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>8.1</i>	<i>8.7</i>	<i>8.3</i>	<i>0.1</i>
Barbecue Grills, Stoves, Equipment	16,843	.09	461	16,843	2,803	1,778	2,763	8,083	1,417	10,804	6,039	15,835	1,008
				<i>5.7</i>	<i>14.0</i>	<i>4.4</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>5.2</i>	<i>3.9</i>	<i>7.5</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Baseball, Softball	275,205	.08	6,957	275,205	5,153	110,202	76,260	81,775	1,815	186,716	88,418	270,972	4,233
				<i>93.7</i>	<i>25.7</i>	<i>270.4</i>	<i>182.9</i>	<i>52.8</i>	<i>5.0</i>	<i>129.2</i>	<i>59.3</i>	<i>92.3</i>	<i>1.4</i>
Basketball	561,444	.06	16,122	561,444	1,909	198,022	254,644	105,981	872	448,668	112,575	556,616	4,809
				<i>191.2</i>	<i>9.5</i>	<i>485.9</i>	<i>610.6</i>	<i>68.4</i>	<i>2.4</i>	<i>310.4</i>	<i>75.5</i>	<i>189.5</i>	<i>1.6</i>
Beach, Picnic, Camping Equipment	18,064	.12	445	18,064	2,614	3,592	1,656	7,386	2,816	9,608	8,456	17,644	420
				<i>6.2</i>	<i>13.0</i>	<i>8.8</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>4.8</i>	<i>7.8</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>6.0</i>	<i>0.1</i>
Bicycles & Accessories	534,883	.08	15,417	534,883	32,175	265,554	84,201	138,120	14,802	385,797	148,946	507,189	27,629
				<i>182.1</i>	<i>160.3</i>	<i>651.6</i>	<i>201.9</i>	<i>89.2</i>	<i>40.8</i>	<i>266.9</i>	<i>99.9</i>	<i>172.7</i>	<i>9.4</i>
Boxing	12,053	.11	312	12,053	19	1,884	5,376	4,774	0	10,835	1,217	11,920	133
				<i>4.1</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>4.6</i>	<i>12.9</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>7.5</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>0.0</i>
Exercise, Exercise Equipment	261,785	.09	6,987	261,785	8,675	42,820	61,968	125,908	22,399	146,052	115,631	252,268	9,423
				<i>89.1</i>	<i>43.2</i>	<i>105.1</i>	<i>148.6</i>	<i>81.3</i>	<i>61.7</i>	<i>101.0</i>	<i>77.5</i>	<i>85.9</i>	<i>3.2</i>
Football	395,088	.06	11,957	395,088	1,011	193,418	160,709	39,361	574	371,449	23,626	387,548	7,470
				<i>134.5</i>	<i>5.0</i>	<i>474.6</i>	<i>385.4</i>	<i>25.4</i>	<i>1.6</i>	<i>257.0</i>	<i>15.8</i>	<i>132.0</i>	<i>2.5</i>
Hockey	66,142	.21	1,596	66,142	465	23,458	28,550	13,304	365	56,290	9,836	65,767	375
				<i>22.5</i>	<i>2.3</i>	<i>57.6</i>	<i>68.5</i>	<i>8.6</i>	<i>1.0</i>	<i>38.9</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>22.4</i>	<i>0.1</i>
Horseback Riding	76,387	.09	1,732	76,387	906	16,353	14,333	42,851	1,927	25,848	50,540	66,239	9,885
				<i>26.0</i>	<i>4.5</i>	<i>40.1</i>	<i>34.4</i>	<i>27.7</i>	<i>5.3</i>	<i>17.9</i>	<i>33.9</i>	<i>22.6</i>	<i>3.4</i>
In-line Skating	37,863	.16	1,010	37,863	238	23,068	7,191	7,249	118	20,177	17,686	36,885	978
				<i>12.9</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>56.6</i>	<i>17.2</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>14.0</i>	<i>11.9</i>	<i>12.6</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	83,261	.09	2,309	83,261	3,538	40,975	26,585	11,638	525	58,504	24,751	82,118	1,137
				<i>28.4</i>	<i>17.6</i>	<i>100.5</i>	<i>63.8</i>	<i>7.5</i>	<i>1.4</i>	<i>40.5</i>	<i>16.6</i>	<i>28.0</i>	<i>0.4</i>
Nonpowder Guns, BB'S, Pellets	23,574	.10	675	23,574	680	10,281	9,067	3,299	247	19,792	3,766	21,782	1,792
				<i>8.0</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>25.2</i>	<i>21.7</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>13.7</i>	<i>2.5</i>	<i>7.4</i>	<i>0.6</i>
Playground Equipment	224,277	.08	7,688	224,277	54,582	154,913	4,936	9,012	763	121,045	103,232	214,951	9,319
				<i>76.4</i>	<i>271.9</i>	<i>380.1</i>	<i>11.8</i>	<i>5.8</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>83.7</i>	<i>69.2</i>	<i>73.2</i>	<i>3.2</i>
Racquet Sports	30,757	.15	747	30,757	254	4,829	6,500	16,098	3,076	18,782	11,975	30,254	503
				<i>10.5</i>	<i>1.3</i>	<i>11.8</i>	<i>15.6</i>	<i>10.4</i>	<i>8.5</i>	<i>13.0</i>	<i>8.0</i>	<i>10.3</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Skateboards	113,329	.13	2,856	113,329	1,382	60,271	42,048	9,611	16	98,317	15,012	109,924	3,404
				<i>38.6</i>	<i>6.9</i>	<i>147.9</i>	<i>100.8</i>	<i>6.2</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>68.0</i>	<i>10.1</i>	<i>37.4</i>	<i>1.2</i>
Skating (excl. In-line)	69,891	.09	2,075	69,891	685	42,722	8,705	17,317	461	29,533	40,341	67,868	2,006
				<i>23.8</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>104.8</i>	<i>20.9</i>	<i>11.2</i>	<i>1.3</i>	<i>20.4</i>	<i>27.1</i>	<i>23.1</i>	<i>0.7</i>
Snowmobiles	13,055	.23	211	13,055	140	1,308	2,982	8,399	226	10,839	2,216	11,270	1,785
				<i>4.4</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>3.2</i>	<i>7.2</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>7.5</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>0.6</i>
Snowskiing, Snowboarding	105,478	.32	2,201	105,478	368	32,476	37,056	33,405	2,173	70,491	34,917	99,844	5,635
				<i>35.9</i>	<i>1.8</i>	<i>79.7</i>	<i>88.9</i>	<i>21.6</i>	<i>6.0</i>	<i>48.8</i>	<i>23.4</i>	<i>34.0</i>	<i>1.9</i>
Soccer	173,509	.12	4,908	173,509	1,324	74,533	67,810	29,669	172	105,973	67,459	170,831	2,678
				<i>59.1</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>182.9</i>	<i>162.6</i>	<i>19.2</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>73.3</i>	<i>45.2</i>	<i>58.2</i>	<i>0.9</i>
Swimming, Pools, Equipment	158,256	.24	3,892	158,256	14,093	66,531	29,184	44,725	3,722	87,274	70,912	152,475	5,780
				<i>53.9</i>	<i>70.2</i>	<i>163.3</i>	<i>70.0</i>	<i>28.9</i>	<i>10.3</i>	<i>60.4</i>	<i>47.6</i>	<i>51.9</i>	<i>2.0</i>
Toboggans, Sleds, Snow Discs, etc.	29,119	.16	741	29,119	1,508	14,289	6,875	6,261	186	16,154	12,965	27,498	1,552
				<i>9.9</i>	<i>7.5</i>	<i>35.1</i>	<i>16.5</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>11.2</i>	<i>8.7</i>	<i>9.4</i>	<i>0.5</i>
Track & Field Activities, Equipment	19,184	.09	533	19,184	22	8,981	9,374	743	63	9,566	9,618	18,700	485
				<i>6.5</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>22.0</i>	<i>22.5</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>6.4</i>	<i>6.4</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Trampolines	111,851	.09	3,277	111,851	14,103	78,579	12,338	6,701	129	57,810	54,041	107,682	4,169
				<i>38.1</i>	<i>70.3</i>	<i>192.8</i>	<i>29.6</i>	<i>4.3</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>40.0</i>	<i>36.2</i>	<i>36.7</i>	<i>1.4</i>
Volleyball	56,029	.11	1,359	56,029	100	15,604	21,673	18,523	129	22,320	33,709	55,687	342
				<i>19.1</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>38.3</i>	<i>52.0</i>	<i>12.0</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>15.4</i>	<i>22.6</i>	<i>19.0</i>	<i>0.1</i>
Home Comm'n & Entertainment													
Sound Recording Equipment	37,457	.07	1,023	37,457	6,261	4,161	7,273	13,698	6,064	17,870	19,588	35,839	1,619
				<i>12.8</i>	<i>31.2</i>	<i>10.2</i>	<i>17.4</i>	<i>8.8</i>	<i>16.7</i>	<i>12.4</i>	<i>13.1</i>	<i>12.2</i>	<i>0.6</i>
Television Sets & Stands	58,200	.06	1,624	58,200	14,375	7,688	6,526	22,970	6,642	32,882	25,318	55,226	2,904
				<i>19.8</i>	<i>71.6</i>	<i>18.9</i>	<i>15.6</i>	<i>14.8</i>	<i>18.3</i>	<i>22.7</i>	<i>17.0</i>	<i>18.8</i>	<i>1.0</i>
Personal Use Items													
Cigarettes, Lighters, Fuel	16,549	.09	477	16,549	2,579	1,736	3,401	7,391	1,424	9,783	6,766	14,479	2,070
				<i>5.6</i>	<i>12.9</i>	<i>4.3</i>	<i>8.2</i>	<i>4.8</i>	<i>3.9</i>	<i>6.8</i>	<i>4.5</i>	<i>4.9</i>	<i>0.7</i>
Clothing	198,398	.08	5,268	198,398	10,992	29,922	33,592	87,814	36,078	85,744	112,513	184,993	13,405
				<i>67.6</i>	<i>54.8</i>	<i>73.4</i>	<i>80.6</i>	<i>56.7</i>	<i>99.4</i>	<i>59.3</i>	<i>75.5</i>	<i>63.0</i>	<i>4.6</i>
Drug Poisonings to Children under 5	60,199	.12	2,117	60,199	60,022	0	0	0	0	32,769	27,354	50,810	9,389
				<i>20.5</i>	<i>299.0</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>22.7</i>	<i>18.3</i>	<i>17.3</i>	<i>3.2</i>

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				All Ages	0-4	5-14	15-24	25-64	65+	Male	Female	Treated & Rel.	Hosp. & DOA
Grooming Devices	27,914	.09	910	27,914	10,166	3,704	3,204	8,264	2,575	9,719	18,195	27,266	641
				<i>9.5</i>	<i>50.7</i>	<i>9.1</i>	<i>7.7</i>	<i>5.3</i>	<i>7.1</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>12.2</i>	<i>9.3</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Razors, Shavers, Razor Blades	37,307	.12	851	37,307	2,918	2,963	8,287	20,267	2,872	23,291	14,015	36,970	336
				<i>12.7</i>	<i>14.5</i>	<i>7.3</i>	<i>19.9</i>	<i>13.1</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>16.1</i>	<i>9.4</i>	<i>12.6</i>	<i>0.1</i>
Household Containers													
Cans, Other Containers	269,225	.06	7,217	269,225	30,151	29,138	39,497	146,111	24,310	125,732	143,494	262,743	6,482
				<i>91.7</i>	<i>150.2</i>	<i>71.5</i>	<i>94.7</i>	<i>94.4</i>	<i>67.0</i>	<i>87.0</i>	<i>96.2</i>	<i>89.5</i>	<i>2.2</i>
Glass Bottles, Jars	37,723	.09	1,008	37,723	2,671	5,092	11,069	16,931	1,959	23,463	14,190	36,237	1,485
				<i>12.8</i>	<i>13.3</i>	<i>12.5</i>	<i>26.5</i>	<i>10.9</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>16.2</i>	<i>9.5</i>	<i>12.3</i>	<i>0.5</i>
Yard & Garden Equipment													
Chain Saws	32,436	.12	619	32,436	111	485	4,529	23,691	3,620	31,099	1,196	31,287	1,149
				<i>11.0</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>10.9</i>	<i>15.3</i>	<i>10.0</i>	<i>21.5</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>10.7</i>	<i>0.4</i>
Hand Garden Tools	42,826	.11	978	42,826	1,634	5,279	4,051	25,716	6,145	26,503	16,322	40,957	1,869
				<i>14.6</i>	<i>8.1</i>	<i>13.0</i>	<i>9.7</i>	<i>16.6</i>	<i>16.9</i>	<i>18.3</i>	<i>10.9</i>	<i>13.9</i>	<i>0.6</i>
Hatchets, Axes	12,909	.10	253	12,909	140	1,529	2,431	8,031	780	11,384	1,525	12,611	298
				<i>4.4</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>5.8</i>	<i>5.2</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>1.0</i>	<i>4.3</i>	<i>0.1</i>
Lawn & Garden Equipment	70,987	.08	1,670	70,987	3,682	7,365	5,862	37,300	16,778	40,701	30,285	66,850	4,137
				<i>24.2</i>	<i>18.3</i>	<i>18.1</i>	<i>14.1</i>	<i>24.1</i>	<i>46.2</i>	<i>28.2</i>	<i>20.3</i>	<i>22.8</i>	<i>1.4</i>
Lawn Mowers	81,948	.10	1,777	81,948	1,670	4,337	7,846	53,914	14,181	63,732	18,216	76,856	5,022
				<i>27.9</i>	<i>8.3</i>	<i>10.6</i>	<i>18.8</i>	<i>34.8</i>	<i>39.1</i>	<i>44.1</i>	<i>12.2</i>	<i>26.2</i>	<i>1.7</i>
Other Power Lawn Equipment	16,880	.13	347	16,880	272	1,319	1,607	10,866	2,817	14,281	2,599	15,520	1,360
				<i>5.7</i>	<i>1.4</i>	<i>3.2</i>	<i>3.9</i>	<i>7.0</i>	<i>7.8</i>	<i>9.9</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>5.3</i>	<i>0.5</i>
Trimmers, Small Power Garden Tools	17,372	.11	366	17,372	294	549	1,713	12,363	2,452	12,749	4,622	17,185	187
				<i>5.9</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>1.3</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>8.0</i>	<i>6.8</i>	<i>8.8</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>5.9</i>	<i>0.1</i>
Home Workshop Equipment													
Batteries	10,421	.10	326	10,421	3,423	1,706	1,159	3,853	280	7,962	2,460	9,961	460
				<i>3.5</i>	<i>17.1</i>	<i>4.2</i>	<i>2.8</i>	<i>2.5</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>5.5</i>	<i>1.6</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Hoists, Lifts, Jacks, etc.	15,303	.11	324	15,303	257	523	2,822	10,014	1,687	13,280	2,023	14,520	783
				<i>5.2</i>	<i>1.3</i>	<i>1.3</i>	<i>6.8</i>	<i>6.5</i>	<i>4.6</i>	<i>9.2</i>	<i>1.4</i>	<i>4.9</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Power Home Tools (excl. Saws)	22,668	.11	429	22,668	232	587	3,498	15,704	2,647	20,315	2,353	21,838	830
				<i>7.7</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>1.4</i>	<i>8.4</i>	<i>10.1</i>	<i>7.3</i>	<i>14.1</i>	<i>1.6</i>	<i>7.4</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Power Home Workshop Saws	97,860	.07	2,142	97,860	157	1,983	9,583	68,257	17,880	92,521	5,339	91,637	6,223
				<i>33.3</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>4.9</i>	<i>23.0</i>	<i>44.1</i>	<i>49.3</i>	<i>64.0</i>	<i>3.6</i>	<i>31.2</i>	<i>2.1</i>
Welding, Soldering, Cutting Tools	22,844	.12	456	22,844	173	458	5,603	16,241	369	22,160	684	22,767	60
				<i>7.8</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>13.4</i>	<i>10.5</i>	<i>1.0</i>	<i>15.3</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>7.8</i>	<i>0.0</i>
Wires, Cords, Not Specified	12,089	.09	289	12,089	716	1,760	1,982	6,313	1,319	8,646	3,443	11,632	458
				<i>4.1</i>	<i>3.6</i>	<i>4.3</i>	<i>4.8</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>3.6</i>	<i>6.0</i>	<i>2.3</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Workshop Manual Tools	125,189	.08	2,729	125,189	3,320	8,034	19,885	85,604	8,311	110,237	14,882	122,368	2,814
				<i>42.6</i>	<i>16.5</i>	<i>19.7</i>	<i>47.7</i>	<i>55.3</i>	<i>22.9</i>	<i>76.3</i>	<i>10.0</i>	<i>41.7</i>	<i>1.0</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
Home Maintenance													
Cleaning Agents (excl. Soaps)	38,646	.09	1,099	38,646	12,914	2,435	4,768	15,787	2,742	17,312	21,334	37,378	1,268
				<i>13.2</i>	<i>64.3</i>	<i>6.0</i>	<i>11.4</i>	<i>10.2</i>	<i>7.6</i>	<i>12.0</i>	<i>14.3</i>	<i>12.7</i>	<i>0.4</i>
Cleaning Equip., Non-caustic Deterg.	34,776	.08	936	34,776	3,016	4,643	4,600	18,929	3,588	16,560	18,216	33,860	916
				<i>11.8</i>	<i>15.0</i>	<i>11.4</i>	<i>11.0</i>	<i>12.2</i>	<i>9.9</i>	<i>11.5</i>	<i>12.2</i>	<i>11.5</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Paints, Solvents, Lubricants	21,226	.12	514	21,226	1,556	957	2,740	13,820	2,152	12,997	8,229	20,076	1,150
				<i>7.2</i>	<i>7.8</i>	<i>2.3</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>8.9</i>	<i>5.9</i>	<i>9.0</i>	<i>5.5</i>	<i>6.8</i>	<i>0.4</i>
Soaps, Detergents	23,937	.16	708	23,937	5,981	2,312	3,656	10,145	1,844	9,720	14,217	23,532	405
				<i>8.2</i>	<i>29.8</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>8.8</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>9.5</i>	<i>8.0</i>	<i>0.1</i>
General Household Appliances													
Cooking Ranges, Ovens, etc.	46,361	.07	1,277	46,361	11,085	4,473	4,477	20,719	5,607	20,734	25,610	43,654	2,701
				<i>15.8</i>	<i>55.2</i>	<i>11.0</i>	<i>10.7</i>	<i>13.4</i>	<i>15.4</i>	<i>14.3</i>	<i>17.2</i>	<i>14.9</i>	<i>0.9</i>
Irons, Clothes Steamers (not Toys)	12,536	.13	515	12,536	8,189	1,246	766	1,912	423	6,083	6,453	12,386	150
				<i>4.3</i>	<i>40.8</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>1.8</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>4.2</i>	<i>4.3</i>	<i>4.2</i>	<i>0.1</i>
Refrigerators, Freezers	39,500	.08	929	39,500	2,176	2,705	6,933	22,080	5,605	23,649	15,851	38,254	1,246
				<i>13.5</i>	<i>10.8</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>16.6</i>	<i>14.3</i>	<i>15.4</i>	<i>16.4</i>	<i>10.6</i>	<i>13.0</i>	<i>0.4</i>
Small Kitchen Appliances	36,524	.09	848	36,524	2,716	3,090	5,830	20,907	3,981	14,543	21,974	35,774	750
				<i>12.4</i>	<i>13.5</i>	<i>7.6</i>	<i>14.0</i>	<i>13.5</i>	<i>11.0</i>	<i>10.1</i>	<i>14.7</i>	<i>12.2</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Washers, Dryers	19,251	.10	440	19,251	1,093	1,452	2,633	12,143	1,930	9,463	9,788	18,727	524
				<i>6.6</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>3.6</i>	<i>6.3</i>	<i>7.8</i>	<i>5.3</i>	<i>6.5</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>6.4</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Heating, Cooling, Vent. Equip.													
Air Conditioners	13,847	.11	344	13,847	729	1,310	1,684	8,571	1,553	10,304	3,543	13,219	628
				<i>4.7</i>	<i>3.6</i>	<i>3.2</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>5.5</i>	<i>4.3</i>	<i>7.1</i>	<i>2.4</i>	<i>4.5</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Chimneys, Fireplaces	17,014	.14	531	17,014	9,184	2,360	614	3,282	1,574	9,482	7,532	16,470	544
				<i>5.8</i>	<i>45.8</i>	<i>5.8</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>4.3</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>5.6</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Fans (excl. Stove Exhaust Fans)	17,066	.11	434	17,066	1,894	2,106	1,804	8,386	2,877	8,828	8,239	16,501	566
				<i>5.8</i>	<i>9.4</i>	<i>5.2</i>	<i>4.3</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>6.1</i>	<i>5.5</i>	<i>5.6</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Heating & Plumbing Pipes	43,197	.08	1,126	43,197	4,336	7,956	6,390	21,264	3,251	30,576	12,621	42,498	693
				<i>14.7</i>	<i>21.6</i>	<i>19.5</i>	<i>15.3</i>	<i>13.7</i>	<i>9.0</i>	<i>21.2</i>	<i>8.5</i>	<i>14.5</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Heating Stoves, Space Heaters	20,222	.11	477	20,222	6,521	3,291	2,172	5,976	2,262	11,368	8,783	18,885	1,336
				<i>6.9</i>	<i>32.5</i>	<i>8.1</i>	<i>5.2</i>	<i>3.9</i>	<i>6.2</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>5.9</i>	<i>6.4</i>	<i>0.5</i>
Home Furnishings & Fixtures													
Bathroom Structures & Fixtures	311,623	.08	7,999	311,623	36,594	24,621	29,821	133,726	86,860	125,401	186,205	284,286	27,278
				<i>106.1</i>	<i>182.3</i>	<i>60.4</i>	<i>71.5</i>	<i>86.4</i>	<i>239.3</i>	<i>86.8</i>	<i>124.9</i>	<i>96.8</i>	<i>9.3</i>
Beds, Mattresses, Pillows	545,614	.06	15,852	545,614	157,885	79,685	34,546	124,045	149,435	243,193	302,355	491,556	54,051
				<i>185.8</i>	<i>786.6</i>	<i>195.5</i>	<i>82.8</i>	<i>80.1</i>	<i>411.7</i>	<i>168.3</i>	<i>202.8</i>	<i>167.4</i>	<i>18.4</i>
Carpets, Rugs	124,590	.09	3,473	124,590	19,865	8,919	7,006	37,995	50,807	40,829	83,761	109,555	15,036
				<i>42.4</i>	<i>99.0</i>	<i>21.9</i>	<i>16.8</i>	<i>24.5</i>	<i>140.0</i>	<i>28.2</i>	<i>56.2</i>	<i>37.3</i>	<i>5.1</i>
Chairs, Sofas, Sofa Beds	459,721	.06	13,136	459,721	127,586	58,211	30,358	141,281	102,269	205,919	253,779	425,465	34,239
				<i>156.6</i>	<i>635.7</i>	<i>142.8</i>	<i>72.8</i>	<i>91.2</i>	<i>281.8</i>	<i>142.5</i>	<i>170.2</i>	<i>144.9</i>	<i>11.7</i>
Desks, Cabinets, Shelves, Racks	261,752	.07	7,350	261,752	60,374	44,120	27,372	94,314	35,572	123,960	137,786	252,763	8,989
				<i>89.1</i>	<i>300.8</i>	<i>108.3</i>	<i>65.6</i>	<i>60.9</i>	<i>98.0</i>	<i>85.8</i>	<i>92.4</i>	<i>86.1</i>	<i>3.1</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
Electric Fixt., Lamps, Equip.	53,654	.07	1,470	53,654	7,420	8,286	7,637	22,358	7,953	29,768	23,879	51,267	2,387
				18.3	37.0	20.3	18.3	14.4	21.9	20.6	16.0	17.5	0.8
Holiday, Party Supplies	16,387	.11	426	16,387	3,329	1,833	1,372	8,240	1,612	7,476	8,911	15,573	814
				5.6	16.6	4.5	3.3	5.3	4.4	5.2	6.0	5.3	0.3
Ladders, Stools	228,947	.09	5,449	228,947	12,747	8,618	15,101	151,267	41,184	153,955	74,906	207,285	21,662
				78.0	63.5	21.1	36.2	97.7	113.5	106.5	50.2	70.6	7.4
Mirrors, Mirror Glass	26,454	.10	711	26,454	3,258	3,597	8,066	10,445	1,089	14,754	11,701	26,239	216
				9.0	16.2	8.8	19.3	6.7	3.0	10.2	7.8	8.9	0.1
Misc. Household Covers, Fabrics	23,310	.13	582	23,310	1,396	1,708	1,552	11,995	6,660	7,025	16,285	21,652	1,658
				7.9	7.0	4.2	3.7	7.7	18.3	4.9	10.9	7.4	0.6
Other Misc. Furniture & Accessories	114,783	.08	2,927	114,783	6,460	4,927	14,943	78,932	9,522	57,298	57,485	112,999	1,785
				39.1	32.2	12.1	35.8	51.0	26.2	39.6	38.5	38.5	0.6
Tables, not elsewhere classified	305,214	.07	9,132	305,214	121,462	46,342	22,794	72,386	42,231	158,302	146,905	294,746	10,455
				103.9	605.2	113.7	54.7	46.7	116.4	109.5	98.5	100.4	3.6
Home Structures & Const. Mat.													
Cabinet/Door Hardware	18,295	.11	478	18,295	3,687	4,367	1,637	5,883	2,721	10,472	7,824	17,750	545
				6.2	18.4	10.7	3.9	3.8	7.5	7.2	5.2	6.0	0.2
Fences	111,948	.07	3,120	111,948	7,451	34,316	22,954	40,830	6,398	80,697	31,192	107,402	4,546
				38.1	37.1	84.2	55.0	26.4	17.6	55.8	20.9	36.6	1.5
Glass Doors, Windows, Panels	173,626	.07	4,647	173,626	14,664	27,708	51,815	69,561	9,808	108,079	65,477	166,718	6,908
				59.1	73.1	68.0	124.3	44.9	27.0	74.8	43.9	56.8	2.4
Handrails, Railings, Banisters	43,997	.08	1,280	43,997	4,670	8,512	6,578	18,298	5,939	23,668	20,329	42,489	1,502
				15.0	23.3	20.9	15.8	11.8	16.4	16.4	13.6	14.5	0.5
Non-glass Doors, Panels	344,353	.07	10,062	344,353	63,025	74,779	53,165	115,060	38,222	168,042	176,287	336,954	7,383
				117.3	314.0	183.5	127.5	74.3	105.3	116.3	118.2	114.7	2.5
Outside Attached Struct. & Mat.	19,144	.13	444	19,144	1,151	1,548	2,522	11,428	2,495	14,650	4,494	17,728	1,416
				6.5	5.7	3.8	6.0	7.4	6.9	10.1	3.0	6.0	0.5
Stairs, Ramps, Landings, Floors	2,249,057	.07	60,133	2,249,057	267,545	197,882	244,430	931,660	607,428	827,537	1,420,990	1,996,013	252,954
				765.9	1333.0	485.6	586.1	607.7	1673.6	572.5	952.9	679.7	86.1
Window, Door Sills, Frames	63,111	.09	1,599	63,111	14,712	9,005	5,784	21,165	12,445	32,578	30,533	60,933	2,171
				21.5	73.3	22.1	13.9	13.7	34.3	22.5	20.5	20.7	0.7
Miscellaneous Products													
Dollies, Carts	45,670	.08	1,394	45,670	18,949	4,762	2,516	13,095	6,349	20,496	25,175	43,750	1,920
				15.6	94.4	11.7	6.0	8.5	17.5	14.2	16.9	14.9	0.7
Elevators, Other Lifts	20,080	.22	699	20,080	1,875	1,951	1,780	7,295	7,178	7,264	12,816	19,140	940
				6.8	9.3	4.8	4.3	4.7	19.8	5.0	8.6	6.5	0.3
Gasoline, Diesel Fuels	17,003	.10	377	17,003	998	2,423	4,134	8,671	778	13,237	3,766	14,335	2,668
				5.8	5.0	5.9	9.9	5.6	2.1	9.2	2.5	4.9	0.9

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

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

***Number of Injuries:** This is the actual number of injury cases collected from the 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, 2004 U.S. resident population estimates.

Consumer Product Incident Report

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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? _____

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During the months of December 2004 and January and February 2005, 1,032 cases were reported to CPSC. Included here are samples of cases to illustrate the type and nature of the reported incidents.

ASPHYXIATIONS/ SUFFOCATIONS

*A female, 6 months, was placed in a crib in her parents' bedroom. Several hours later, the child's mother entered the bedroom and saw the crib's mattress sagging on one side. She then saw her daughter's legs sticking up in the air and the girl's head between the mattress and the side of the crib. The child's face was resting on stuffed animals. A corner support in the crib was askew, causing a misalignment in the mattress frame. The crib had been donated to the family, after family members had been displaced by a fire. The cause of death was asphyxia by suffocation.

(Stephen D. Cohle, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, Kent County, Grand Rapids, MI)

*A male, 8, was driving a 4-wheeled all-terrain vehicle (ATV) on a grassy area around a pond. He and his family were visiting a friend's house. A neighbor saw the ATV hit a bump and flip over, pinning the child underneath. The cause of death was anoxic encephalopathy due to blunt force trauma and compression of the torso.

(Shirley Stover-Wilkins for Stephen L. Sgan, M.D., Associate Medical Examiner, District 2, Tallahassee, FL)

A female, 5 months, was placed on her parents' bed to sleep. About five hours later, the infant was found wedged between the bed and a wall with a plastic department store bag covering her face. The cause of death was asphyxiation due to suffocation.

(Corinne E. Stern, D.O., Chief Medical Examiner, El Paso County, El Paso, TX)

*A male, 4, was told to go to his room for a nap by his mother. About an hour later, the mother went to his bedroom and found the child hanging from the pull cords of a window blind. His feet were off the floor. A toddler bed was located near the window, and the blind's pull cords were looped with a single plastic tassel. The cause of death was anoxic encephalopathy due to hanging.
(Richard C. Harruff, M.D., Ph.D., Chief Medical Examiner, King County, Seattle, WA)

A male, 1 month, was put to sleep on some pillows by his mother. The father later discovered the infant unresponsive with his face down in the pillow. The cause of death was smothering.
(Elizabeth L. Kinnison, M.D., Medical Examiner, Tidewater District, Gloucester County, Gloucester, VA)

CARBON MONOXIDE POISONINGS

*A male, 48, was found unresponsive by his wife in the bathroom of their home. The woman and her daughter had woken up feeling ill, and the wife had gone to the bathroom to tell her husband. An examination of the furnace revealed that the exhaust flue pipe was disconnected. The cause of death was toxic asphyxia due to carbon monoxide intoxication.

(Richard C. Harruff, M.D., Ph.D., Chief Medical Examiner, King County, Seattle, WA)

*A male, 85, was found unresponsive in his bedroom by his son-in-law. The son-in-law called 911 and, detecting a strong odor, left the residence. When firemen responded, they detected high levels of carbon monoxide throughout the residence. Police interviewed a furnace technician who had recently been to the home. The technician reported that the home's furnace vent pipe needed repair. He had made some adjustments and advised the victim that the pipe needed further repairs before the furnace could be used. A week after the incident, another heating technician found a fireplace chimney blocked by broken mortar and flue tiles. The cause

of death was inhalation of products of combustion.

(Dianne R. Vertes, M.D., Associate Chief Medical Examiner, Erie County, Buffalo, NY)

DROWNING

A male, 2, was at a family barbeque. Family members started a search when they noticed him missing. The child was found face down and unresponsive in a large garden planter in six inches of water. A chair left next to the planter provided access for the child. The cause of death was drowning.

(Luis A. Sanchez, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, Harris County, Houston, TX)

A male, 1, was found in the watery solution of a 5-gallon bucket used for mopping. The incident occurred in the afternoon, and several people were nearby. The cause of death was drowning.

(Shirley Stover-Wilkins for Margarita Arruza, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, District 4, Jacksonville, FL)

A male, 19 months, was left on the back porch of his grandparent's home while his mother went to the bathroom. A screened-in pool was near the porch. The mother heard a splash but thought it was the family dog jumping into the pool. When the mother returned, she found the dog in the pool along with the child who was floating face down. The mother pulled the child from the pool and attempted resuscitation. The child apparently had entered the pool area by climbing through a small tear in the screen surrounding the pool. The cause of death was drowning.

(Noel A. Palma, M.D., Associate Medical Examiner, District 10, Winter Haven, FL)

A female, 1, was taking a bath with her two-year old sibling. The mother left the children to get a towel. She returned to find the one-year-old submerged in the water of the bathtub and unresponsive. The cause of death was drowning.

(Vincent J.M. DiMaio, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, Bexar County, San Antonio, TX)

ELECTROCUTIONS

A male, 47, returned home after a night's work to find his air conditioning not working properly. He went up to his attic to repair the air conditioning unit. About thirty minutes later, his wife went to the attic to tell him she was leaving for work and found him unresponsive. The cause of death was electrocution.

(Luis A. Sanchez, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, Harris County, Houston, TX)

FIRES

*A male, 25, was asleep in a rented mobile home with three other people. A fire broke out in the early morning hours followed by an explosion. One resident was awakened by the explosion and woke the two other residents. The three escaped through bedroom windows. Fire personnel later discovered the 25-year-old's body about five feet from the door of the mobile home. A candle, which was being used for lighting after the home lost electricity during a hurricane, had ignited some clothing and bedding. The home had no smoke alarms. The cause of death was thermal injuries and inhalation of products of combustion.

(Linda Rush O'Neil, M.D., Associate Medical Examiner, District 15, Palm Beach County, West Palm Beach, FL)

A male, 75, was at his home alone. His shirt, which came into contact with a burning candle, caught fire. The man was burned on 50% of his body and died seven days later. The cause of death was complications of burn injury.

(Thomas P. Murphy, M.D., Medical Examiner, Central District, Gloucester County, Gloucester, VA)

MISCELLANEOUS

*A male, 11, was a passenger on a four-wheeled all-terrain vehicle (ATV) driven by his 10-year-old sister. The young girl lost control of the ATV, and it rolled over, landing on her brother's back. The cause of death was blunt force injury.

(Luis A. Sanchez, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, Harris County, Houston, TX)

*A male, 12, was playing with a group of children on a school field. Five of the children tried to set a 370-pound movable soccer goal upright. As the goal went up, it became unstable. The frame fell on top of the 12-year-old boy, hitting him in the head and neck and pinning him to the ground. School personnel immediately freed the boy, but he died at the hospital.

(Captain Robert Dixon, Medical Examiner-Coroner's Office, Santa Clara County, San Jose, CA)

A male, 14, was riding a motorized scooter on a public road. As he approached an intersection with four-way stop signs, he accelerated and went through a stop sign. A motor vehicle hit him. The cause of death was blunt force injury.

(Luis A. Sanchez, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, Harris County, Houston, TX)

A female, 3, was in the living room of her home while her mother was in the kitchen. The mother heard a crash and found her daughter lying on the floor underneath a 27" television set. The television stand was not stable enough for the TV. The cause of death was blunt force trauma.

(Peter A. Gillespie, M.D., Assistant Medical Examiner, Office of State Medical Examiners, 401-222-5500, Providence, RI)

— *Denny Wierdak, Directorate for Epidemiology*

MECAP reports also can be reported directly to the CPSC Web site. Please go to www.cpsc.gov and click on Report an Unsafe Product. Then scroll down and click on File MECAP Reports.



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.

Metal Charms

Product: About 2.8 million metal charms by Hirschberg Schutz & Co. Inc. The recalled metal charms were sold under the name "Charming Thoughts™." Most of the charms are silver-colored with small silver loops. They were sold in packages of 2 to 12 pieces. The packages are marked "The Card Connection™," "Charming Thoughts™" and "Hirschberg Schutz & Co. Inc." The metal charms are various shapes including small hearts, crowns, birds, picture frames, perfume bottles and a cross. Some of the metal charms have small blue, pink or yellow stones and are printed with words including "princess," "congratulations," "city girl," "world traveler" and "life's blessings." "Insert photo here," "cherish," "love," and "honor" are printed on the picture frame charms. The metal charms were sold as decorations for place cards, greeting cards, collages, memory boxes, gift cards, scrapbooks, invitations and gift bags. The charms also can be attached to necklaces and bracelets. The recalled metal charms were sold at Michaels Stores from July 2002 through February 2005, at Recollections stores from October 2004 through February 2005, and at Hancock Fabrics stores from January 2004 through January 2005 for between \$3 to \$4. The charms were manufactured in China.

Problem: The recalled metal charms contain high levels of lead, posing a serious risk of lead poisoning to young children. CPSC received a report of a six-year-old girl who mouthed these charms worn on a homemade necklace. She developed elevated lead levels in her blood that may be related to the charms. Lead poisoning in children is associated with behavioral problems, learning disabilities, hearing problems and growth retardation.

What to do: Take these metal charms away from children and contact Hirschberg Schutz & Co. at (800) 873-5506 anytime to receive a refund. Consumers can e-mail the firm at charmsrecall@horizongroupusa.com for more information.

Children's Folding Chairs

Product: About 2 million folding chairs by Summit Marketing International LLC. The recalled children's folding chairs are made of metal tubing with a padded seat. They were sold in red, blue, yellow and green colors either individually or as part of a set consisting of a table and two, four, or six chairs. Each chair is about 22-inches high, 10-inches wide, and about 11-inches deep. "MANUFACTURED BY ZHANGZHOU STEEL TUBE FURNITURE FACTORY" is written on a label underneath the seat of the chairs. The chairs were sold at hardware, discount department, toy, grocery and drug stores nationwide from September 2002 through May 2005 for about \$10 individually and for about \$45 for a set. The chairs were manufactured in China.

Problem: The chair's safety lock can fail, allowing the chair to collapse or fold unexpectedly. Children's fingers can become caught or entrapped in the hinge and slot areas of the chair, posing a pinch or cut hazard. This can cause severe lacerations and finger tip amputations to children's fingers. The firm received seven reports of the chairs collapsing, resulting in four finger tip amputations, one laceration, and bruises to children's fingers.

What to do: Stop using the chairs immediately, and contact Summit for instructions on how to receive a repair kit to replace the locking pin. Consumers can call Summit toll-free at (866) 270-6275 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or e-mail Summit at summitproducts@aol.com.

Product: About 1.5 million folding chairs by Atico International USA Inc. The recalled children's folding chairs are made of metal tubing with a padded seat. They were sold in red, blue, yellow and green colors either individually or as part of a set consisting of a table and four chairs. Each chair is about 22-inches high, 10-inches wide, and about 11-inches deep. "IMPORTED BY: ATICO INTERNATIONAL USA, INC." is written on a label located underneath the seat of some of the chairs. The chairs were sold at hardware, discount department, toy, grocery and drug stores nationwide from September 2002 through April 2005 for about \$10 individually and for about \$30 for a set. The chairs were manufactured in China.

Problem: The chair's safety lock can fail, allowing the chair to collapse or fold unexpectedly. Children's fingers can become caught or entrapped in the hinge and slot areas of the chair, posing a pinch or cut hazard. This can cause severe lacerations and finger tip amputations to children's fingers. The firm received four reports of finger tip amputations and seven reports of lacerations to children's fingers.

What to do: Stop using the chairs and contact Atico for a full refund. Consumers can call Atico at (877) 546-4835 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the company's Web site at www.aticousa.com.

Children's Fishing Poles

Product: About 1.5 million fishing poles by W.C. Bradley/Zebco Holdings Inc. The recalled fishing poles are brightly colored and feature pictures of the following cartoon characters on the reels: from Nickelodeon's SpongeBob Squarepants® are SpongeBob, Patrick Star and Sandy Cheeks; Nick Jr.'s Dora the Explorer®; Disney's Tigger; and the cast of Nickelodeon's Rocket Power®. "ZEBCO®" and "Floating Catch 'Em Kit™" are written on the handles of these poles with the exception of the Rocket Power poles. The Rocket Power poles have a two-piece rod, were sold with sunglasses and "Rocket Power" is written on the rod. Newer fishing poles with a date code on the rod (near the handle) are not included in the recall. The fishing poles were sold at discount department, sporting good and toy stores nationwide from August 2001 through March 2005 for between \$9 and \$13. The fishing poles were manufactured in China.

Problem: The paint on the rods of these fishing poles contains lead. Lead is toxic if ingested by young children and can cause adverse health effects. There were no reports of injuries or illness associated with these poles.

What to do: Stop using the recalled fishing poles and contact Zebco for information on receiving a free replacement fishing pole. For more information, call Zebco at (800) 444-5581 Ext. 6217 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at www.zebco.com/recall.

Toddler Beds

Product: About 1.2 Million toddler beds by Graco Children's Products Inc. The recalled Graco toddler beds are white plastic and steel with openings between the slats in the guard rails and footboard. The beds were sold under the names "Cozy Toddler Bed," "Glow-in-the-Dark Toddler Bed," and "Classic Toddler Bed." There is a label on the guard rail or leg containing one of the following model numbers: "8801, 8801WR, 8821, 8824, 8828, 8833, 30066, 34434 and 11030," a serial number, and the manufacturer's address. Model 8828's headboard has a blue sky with a yellow moon and stars. Model 8801WR has red legs. "Graco" is printed on all of the beds' footboards. The toddler beds were sold at discount, department and juvenile product stores nationwide from February 1994 through March 2001 for between \$50 and \$70. The toddler beds were manufactured in the United States.

Problem: A child's arm, leg or foot can become entrapped between the slats in the guard rails or footboard. This can result in broken bones, sprains and other injuries to young children. Graco has received reports of 77 entrapments. This resulted in 13 broken arms and legs, 1 broken foot, a sprained ankle, and 54 other injuries including bruised, scratched, and swollen limbs.

What to do: Remove the guard rails from the recalled Graco toddler beds immediately and call the firm to receive a free retrofit kit. The kit includes custom designed mesh coverings that must be attached to the guard rails and footboard to prevent entrapment. Consumers can call Graco at (800) 837-4404 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or log on to the firm's Web site at www.gracobaby.com.

Pacifiers

Product: About 180,000 Lov's decorated orthodontic pacifiers by Delta Enterprise Corp. The recalled pacifier measures about 2-1/4 inches in width and 1-1/2 inches in length and has button or hinged handles. The pacifiers are white with various colored handles. Designs are imprinted on some pacifier shields. One pacifier shield is decorated with a pink elephant, a purple giraffe with green polka dots, a blue lion with yellow fur and a blue cloud and yellow sun. Another pacifier shield has blue stars with Santa shapes. The amber colored nipple, imprinted with the words "caoui," "chouc" and "pur," is about 1-1/8 inches long. "Lov 2-Pack," "Decorated Orthodontic Pacifier," and "97705" are printed on the front packaging of the pacifiers. "Delta Enterprise Corp., Brooklyn NY 11212 Made in Thailand" is printed on the package back. The pacifiers were sold at small retail stores from November 2001 through December 2004 for about \$1. The pacifiers were manufactured in Thailand.

Problem: The pacifiers are banned under federal law. They failed federal safety tests when the nipples separated from the base. This poses a choking hazard to young children. CPSC has received one report of a 6-month-old child who was found gagging on the nipple that had separated from the pacifier. The child was not injured.

What to do: Discard the pacifiers and contact the firm for instructions on how to obtain a refund or replacement product. Consumers can call Delta Enterprise's Pacifier Hotline at (800) 377-3777 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at www.deltaenterprise.com/recall.

Pogo Sticks

Product: About 154,000 Grow-To-Pro® pogo sticks by Fisher-Price. The recalled Grow-To-Pro® pogo sticks are traditional pogo sticks with a round, removable base, two foot pegs and handles and the words "Grow to Pro Pogo" stamped on the front of the product. They come in two colors: green (model number 73386) and pink (model number 77356). The model number can be found underneath the pogo stick's foot pegs. This recall includes green pogo sticks manufactured through August 1, 2004, and all pink pogo sticks. Green pogo sticks manufactured after August 1, 2004, are not included in this recall and are marked with a round, green sticker underneath the foot peg. Pink pogo sticks are no longer manufactured. The pogo sticks were sold at discount department and toy stores nationwide from January 2002 through August 2004 for between \$25 and \$30. The pogo sticks were manufactured in China.

Problem: An internal metal pin can wear down, causing the pogo sticks to remain stuck in the down position and release unexpectedly, posing a risk of fall or facial impact injuries to children. Fisher-Price has received 17 reports of incidents with the pogo sticks, including one report of two teeth being lost and one report where stitches were required. Other injuries involved cuts and bruises to the face, arms and legs from fall injuries.

What to do: Take the products away from children immediately and contact Fisher-Price to receive a free replacement pogo stick. Consumers can call Fisher-Price at (800) 991-2444 anytime or visit the firm's Web site at www.service.fisher-price.com.

Video Head Cleaners

Product: About 1 million video head cleaners by RadioShack Corp. The recalled non-abrasive "Wet System" Video Head Cleaner was sold in a box labeled "Video Head Cleaner," "RadioShack" and "44-1230" or "44-1213." The box contains a cleaning video cassette and a bottle of cleaning solution. The 4-inch-high white plastic cleaning solution bottle is labeled "Video Head Cleaning Fluid" or "Cleaning Liquid for HEAD CLEANER." Other writing on the bottle includes "Contents: Isopropanol," and the item number "44-1230" or "44-1213." The cleaner was sold at RadioShack stores nationwide and www.radioshack.com from December 1995 through January 2005 for about \$13. The cleaner was manufactured in China.

Problem: The cleaning solution bottle, which is labeled as containing isopropanol, actually contains methanol. Methanol can be fatal or cause blindness if swallowed. It is much more toxic than isopropanol. Also, the cleaning solution bottle does not have special cautionary labeling and child-resistant packaging, as required by federal regulation for methanol. RadioShack has received 39 reports from its poison center of children accessing this product. No injuries or illnesses have been reported.

What to do: Place this product out of reach of children and return the product to the nearest RadioShack store for a refund, or dispose of the bottle of cleaning fluid in accordance with all state and local requirements. Consumers can call RadioShack at (800) 843-7422 anytime, or go to the firm's Web sites at www.radioshack.com and www.radioshackcorporation.com.

Scooters

Product: About 297,000 Bratz™ Stylin' Scooters™ by MGA Entertainment Inc. The product is a non-motorized two-wheeled scooter with a folding hinge and an adjustable handlebar. The scooter platform is purple with a bright pink Bratz logo on the top surface. Scooters containing information identifying the product as Item No. 266563, with a date of manufacture prior to July 2004, and manufactured by Jurong Dumar Bicycle, Inc. are included in this recall. This identification information can be located either in the area directly beneath the scooter platform or at the bottom of the scooter near the rear wheel. The scooters were sold at toy and discount chain stores nationwide from September 2003 through November 2004 for about \$30. The scooters were manufactured by Jurong Dumar Bicycle, Inc. The recall does not include Bratz™ Stylin' Scooters™ manufactured for MGA by any manufacturer other than Jurong Dumar Bicycle, Inc.

Problem: The wheels of the scooter can break or become damaged, and users of the scooters can fall and suffer injuries. MGA has received six reports of cracked wheels on the recalled scooters. All six incidents resulted in cuts, scrapes, and bruises. In one case, a 9-year-old suffered a broken arm.

What to do: Stop using the scooter immediately and contact MGA for a refund or a replacement scooter. For additional information, contact MGA toll-free at (800) 222-4685 anytime or visit the company's Web site at www.mgae.com.

Yarn

Product: About 730,000 1.75-ounce balls of yarn by Spin Rite LP. All 17 Bernat "Fur Out" yarn colors are involved in this recall. The recalled yarn can be identified by UPC numbers beginning with "05735527" and ending with one of the following numbers: 1319, 1326, 1333, 1340, 1357, 1364, 1371, 1388, 1395, 1401, 1685, 2583, 2590, 2606, 2613, 2620 and 2637. The Bernat "Fur Out" yarn was sold in yarn and craft stores nationwide and in Canada since April 2004 for between \$4 and \$6 per ball. The Bernat "Fur Out" yarn was manufactured in Turkey.

Problem: "Fur Out" yarn is flammable when used as the sole yarn in a garment. Garments constructed of "Fur Out" yarn are dangerously flammable when exposed to a flame, posing a burn risk to consumers. Bernat has received two reports of garments made of the recalled yarn burning, with one person receiving singed eyebrows.

What to do: Stop using Bernat "Fur Out" yarn and items made with Bernat "Fur Out" yarn immediately and contact the manufacturer for instructions on how to return the products and receive a full refund. Consumers can call Bernat Yarn at (800) 641-5634 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or visit the firm's Web site at www.bernat.com.

Vacuum Cleaners

Product: About 636,000 Hoover self-propelled upright vacuum cleaners by Hoover Co., a part of the Maytag Corp. Hoover Self-Propelled Upright Vacuum Cleaners are plastic, upright vacuums with the brand name "Hoover" and words "Self Propelled" printed on the front of the product. The model and serial numbers are printed on a label on the back of the vacuum. The following model numbers are included in the recall: U6423-900, U6445-900, U6450-900, U6425-900, U6445-960, U6451-900, U6425-950, U6449-900, and U6455-900. Only those Hoover Self-Propelled Upright Vacuum Cleaners manufactured between May 1998 and November 1999 are included in this recall. The recalled models include serial numbers 0598xxxxxxx through 1199xxxxxxx, with the first four digits of the serial number indicating the month and year of production (e.g., 0598xxxxxxx is May 1998). The vacuum cleaners were sold at household appliance and floorcare retailers nationwide from May 1998 through July 2000 for between \$259 and \$279. The vacuum cleaners were manufactured in the U.S.

Problem: The recalled vacuums have defective on-off switches that can overheat the handle and toolholder areas of the vacuum, resulting in a fire hazard. Maytag has received 249 reports of vacuums overheating, which caused the handle area to smoke, melt or catch fire. One minor burn injury requiring no medical attention was reported.

What to do: Stop using the recalled product immediately and contact Maytag to obtain the name and address of the nearest Hoover repair center to schedule a free repair. Consumers should not return their vacuum cleaners to retailers. Consumers can call Maytag Corp. toll-free at (800) 250-6075 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit the firms' Web sites at www.maytag.com or www.hoover.com.

Slow Cookers

Product: About 600,000 GE Oval and Double Dish Slow Cookers imported by Hamilton Beach/Proctor-Silex Inc. and distributed by Wal-Mart Stores Inc. The recalled slow cookers include the 4.5-Quart Oval and 6-Quart Double Dish models sold under the General Electric (GE) brand name. The model name is printed on the front of the units. The 4.5-quart unit has model number 106661 and the 6-quart unit has model number 106851. Both models have series codes A through D, which are printed on the bottom along with the model number. The base of the slow cookers is white with an olive or honeysuckle graphic. The slow cookers were sold exclusively at Wal-Mart stores nationwide from August 2000 through December 2002 for about \$25 (4.5-quart model) and \$35 (6-quart model).

Problem: The handles on the base of the slow cookers can break, posing a risk of burns from hot food spilling onto consumers. Hamilton Beach and Wal-Mart have received 531 reports of handles breaking, including four reports of consumers who were burned by hot food.

What to do: Stop using the product immediately and contact Wal-Mart to receive a replacement slow cooker base. Consumers can call the Wal-Mart Slow Cooker Recall Hotline toll-free at (888) 293-3343 anytime or go to www.walmart.com.

Televisions

Product: About 373,000 27-Inch Conventional Tube (CRT) televisions by Sharp Electronics Corp. The recalled 27-inch Sharp conventional tube televisions include models 27RS50, 27RS100 and CSR5027. The model number can be found on the label on the back of the television. The recalled televisions were sold at electronics retailers, department stores and mass merchandisers nationwide from March 2001 through February 2005 for about \$250. The televisions were manufactured in Mexico.

Problem: Power button can break allowing objects to be inserted through the opening. Foreign materials such as crayons, metal objects or straws can ignite posing a fire hazard. Sharp has received 23 reports of fires. One incident is reported to have resulted in \$20,000 in property damage. The others resulted in minor property damage. No injuries have been reported.

What to do: Unplug and stop using these recalled televisions and contact Sharp Electronics Corp. for a free repair. Consumers can call Sharp Electronics Corp. at (800) 291-4289 anytime or log onto the firm's Web site at www.sharpusa.com/tv. Consumers can also e-mail Sharp at TV@sharpsec.com.

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