

Informational Handout

Dear Consumer,

Did you know that hundreds of thousands of toy-related injuries are treated in U.S. hospital emergency departments each year?* And these numbers represent only a fraction of the total number of people injured or even killed each year by unsafe consumer products.

The mission of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is to protect the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death associated with the use of the thousands of types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction – products that may pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard, such as toys, cribs, power tools, and household chemicals.

An important part of CPSC's work is to get the word out about consumer product risks, product recalls, and the recall process through our safety education program, which provides free safety alerts, safety resources, posters, brochures, handbooks, and other materials for consumer use and community awareness.

We also educate the public through educational outreach programs like this one, which teaches students and youth to use their unique and powerful voices to positively affect their communities as Consumer Protection Safety All-Stars.

Ask your child about the information he or she has learned about product recalls, and share the goal of becoming informed consumers who can help families and communities stay safe.

For more information, please visit our website at **www.cpsc.gov**.

* Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's (CPSC) National Electronic Injury Surveillance System

Resources

CPSC website: www.cpsc.gov

- Safety Education Centers
- Electronic version of the Recall Handbook
- Electronic version of the Regulated Products Handbook

CPSC safer products www.saferproducts.gov



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