



# THE SAFETY BOX

A newsletter dedicated to keeping our children safe

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## TOY PRODUCT RECALLS

**PRODUCT/FIRM:** Little People® Builders' Load 'n Go Wagon by Fisher-Price

**BRAND/MODEL:** This recall involves Fisher-Price's Little People® Builders' Load 'n Go Wagon model number P8977. The product includes a red wagon with



a yellow handle, multi-colored plastic blocks and a dog figure. The model number is located on the bottom of the wagon. "Little People® Builders" is found on a label on the side of the wagon and "Fisher Price" is embossed on the handle. Wagons with

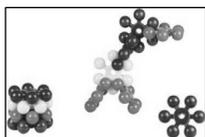
green handles are not included in this recall. This product was sold at mass merchandise retail stores nationwide from June 2009 through July 2011 for about \$25.

**PROBLEM:** The back of the wagon's plastic handle has molded-in reinforcement. This design adds stiffness and facilitates children gripping the handle. The handle poses a laceration hazard if a child falls on it.

**REMEDY:** Consumers should take the recalled wagons away from children and contact Fisher-Price at **(800) 432-5437** or visit [www.service.mattel.com](http://www.service.mattel.com) for instructions on how to obtain a free repair kit.

**PRODUCT/FIRM:** Mini Stars building sets by Edushape Ltd.

**BRAND/MODEL:** This recall involves Mini Stars building sets. The Mini Stars measure three inches in diameter and are made of opaque plastic. Each star has six circular knobs protruding from a ring-shaped center. Edushape only makes Mini Stars in red, green, yellow or blue colors which are included in this



recall. The Mini Stars do not have any markings, codes or logo stamped into the plastic. They were sold in sets of 12, 24, 36, 48, and 72 pieces. This product was sold at small retailers nationwide, online at Toys R Us.com,

Amazon.com and CSN on walmart.com from January 2007 through December 2009 for between \$10 and \$50.

**PROBLEM:** Plastic knobs can break from the center of the stars, posing a choking hazard to young children.

**REMEDY:** Consumers should immediately take the recalled Mini Star building sets away from children and contact Edushape at **(800) 404-4744** or visit [www.edushape.com](http://www.edushape.com) for a free replacement set or credit towards another Edushape product of equal or lesser value.

**PRODUCT/FIRM:** Pogo sticks by Bravo Sports

**BRAND/MODEL:** This recall includes pogo sticks in various colors. The models included in this recall are the Disney Hannah Montana Pogo Stick, the Disney/Pixar



Toy Story Cruising Cool Pogo Stick, the Disney/ Pixar Cars Pogo Stick, the Disney Princess Pogo Stick, and the Disney Fairies Cruising Cool Pogo Stick. The pogo sticks have Disney labels between the handlebars. The manufacturing date codes between 01/01/2009-022CO and 11/30/2010-022CO are on a clear label on the stem

of the pogo stick near the foot pedals. This product was sold at Burlington Coat Factory, Kmart, Kohls.com, Target and Toys R Us from February 2009 through June 2011 for about \$20.

**PROBLEM:** The bottom rubber tip attached to the pogo stick frame can wear out prematurely, posing a fall hazard to consumers. Also, the end caps on the handlebars can come off, exposing sharp edges. This poses a laceration hazard to consumers.

**REMEDY:** Consumers should stop using the pogo sticks and contact Bravo Sports at **(855) 469-3429** or visit [www.bravopogorecall.com](http://www.bravopogorecall.com) for a full refund.

**PRODUCT/FIRM:** Toys keys with remote by Battat, Inc.

**BRAND/MODEL:** This recall involves the B.FunKeys™ with factory code H58000-01 or H26300-01, and

Parents® Magazine Electronic Keys with factory code H26300-01. The factory code is located on the back of the remote. The remote of the B. Fun



Keys is olive green or red and the top of the keys are multi-colored. The remote of the Parents Magazine Electronic Keys comes in different colors and the top of the keys is a solid color. Both remotes have sound buttons, and the metal keys hang from a plastic ring. These products were

sold at retailers nationwide and online sellers from April 2010 to May 2011 for B. FunKeys, and from January 2006 to December 2009 for Parents Magazine keys for about \$9.

**PROBLEM:** The metal toy keys and the plastic key ring can break, posing a choking hazard.

**REMEDY:** Consumers should immediately take the recalled toy keys away from children and contact Battat at (866) 665-5524 or visit [www.battatco.com](http://www.battatco.com) to receive replacement keys.

**PRODUCT/FIRM:** Love.Hugs.Peace lapel pins by Build-A-Bear Workshop®

**BRAND/MODEL:** The 1.5 inch lapel pin features graphics of a heart, bear head, and peace sign all positioned in front of a globe. The words



“Love.Hugs.Peace.” appears at the bottom of the pin. This product was sold at Build-A-Bear Workshop stores nationwide and online at [www.buildabear.com](http://www.buildabear.com) from July 2009 through October 2010 for \$3.50 in the

U.S. and \$4 (CDN) in Canada.

**PROBLEM:** Surface paints on the lapel pin contain excessive levels of lead which is prohibited under federal law.

**REMEDY:** Consumers should stop using the lapel pins and return the lapel pin to any Build-A-Bear Workshop store to receive a \$5 store coupon. If it is not possible to return the pin to the store, you can contact the company at (866) 236-5683 or visit [www.buildabear.com](http://www.buildabear.com) for alternate instructions on receiving a refund.

**PRODUCT/FIRM:** Scoot ‘n Zoom children’s riding toys by Radio Flyers

**BRAND/MODEL:** The riding toy is red molded plastic with black wheels and measures 19 inches long, 11 inches wide and 13.5 inches tall. The riding toy’s model number 711 can be found molded on the underside of the toy. Units with a yellow UPC sticker underneath the product with model #711B are not recalled. This product was sold at Wal-Mart and other retailers and online at Amazon.com and Target.com from August 2010 through August



2011 for about \$20.

**PROBLEM:** The riding toy can tip over allowing a child to fall forward while riding, posing a fall hazard to young children.

**REMEDY:** Consumers should immediately take the recalled products away from children and contact Radio Flyers at (800) 621-7613 or visit [www.radioflyer.com](http://www.radioflyer.com) to receive a free replacement unit or a refund.

**PRODUCT/FIRM:** Playsafe Dartmouth Swing Set by Pacific Cycle, Inc.

**BRAND/MODEL:** This recall involves Playsafe’s Dartmouth Swing Set, model number 22-PS340, with date codes FSD0115AA and FSD0315AA. The model number and date code can be found in the owner’s manual. The swing set has six metal legs and includes two trapeze



hanging rings and a four-person lawn swing with yellow plastic seats and footboard. This product was sold exclusively at Toys R Us stores nationwide from January 2011 through May 2011 for about \$270.

**PROBLEM:** The sling-style swing seats can crack or split prematurely, posing a fall hazard to consumers.

**REMEDY:** Consumers should immediately stop using the sling-style swing seats, remove the seats from the swing set and contact Pacific Cycle at (877) 564-2261 or visit [customerservice@pacific-cycle.com](mailto:customerservice@pacific-cycle.com) to obtain free replacement seats.

**PRODUCT/FIRM:** Twirlla™ Wooden Rattle by Manhattan Group, L,L.C.

**BRAND/MODEL:** The painted wood rattle is approximately 6 inches long and has a yellow ball at each end, two U-shaped pieces (red and pale blue) and an orange bead in the center with a green center post



connecting all pieces. The moving parts make noise when they come together. This product was sold at baby and gift and specialty stores nationwide and online at

Manhattan Toy.com from March 2011 through July 2011 for about \$12.

**PROBLEM:** The toy’s U-shaped parts can break, posing a choking hazard.

**REMEDY:** Consumers should take the rattles from children immediately and return them to the store where purchased to receive a full refund. For additional information, contact Manhattan Group at (800) 541-1345 or visit [www.manhattantoy.com](http://www.manhattantoy.com).

**PRODUCT/FIRM:** Chloe, Sophie and Audrey soft dolls by Pottery Barn Kids

**BRAND/MODEL:** This recall involves soft dolls sold under the names Audrey, Chloe and Sophie. The dolls measure about 17 inches high and have hair made of yarn. Audrey’s hair is dark brown and Sophie’s hair is blonde. The dolls are part of Pottery Barn Kids’ Girl Doll Collection. The doll’s name can be found on a tag sewn onto her bottom. This product was sold exclusively at Pottery Barn Kids stores nationwide, online at



[www.potterybarnkids.com](http://www.potterybarnkids.com) and through Pottery Barn Kids catalogs from July 2006 to April 2011 for about \$40.

**PROBLEM:** The hair on the Chloe and Sophie dolls may contain loops that are large enough to fit around a child's head and neck, and the headboard on the Audrey doll, if loosened, can form a loop that fits around a child's head and neck. These loops can pose a strangulation hazard.

**REMEDY:** Consumers should take the dolls away from children immediately and cut the looped hair of the Chloe and Sophie dolls and remove the headband of the Audrey doll to eliminate the hazard. Consumers may also contact Pottery Barn Kids at **(855) 880-4504** or visit [www.potterybarnkids.com](http://www.potterybarnkids.com).

**PRODUCT/FIRM:** Toy cars by LM Imports & Exports and Mega Wholesales Corporation

**BRAND/MODEL:** The products are sold in packages of four or six toy cars which are painted in silver, black or blue with red stickers with "super," "max" and "racing" labeled on the top and sides of the cars. The 4" plastic car sets have item numbers "43835" and "43836" printed on a white label on the back of the cardboard packaging. "Gallop X" or "RACING CARS" is also printed on



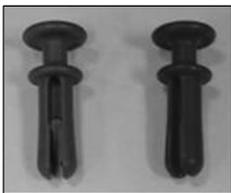
the product packaging. This product was sold exclusively at Mega Wholesale stores throughout Miami, Florida from September 2010 through January 2011 for between about \$2 and \$3 per set.

**PROBLEM:** Surface paint on the toy cars contains excessive level of lead, a violation of the federal lead paint standard.

**REMEDY:** Consumer should take these toys away from children immediately and return them to the store where purchased for a full refund. For additional information, contact LM Import & Export at **(305) 622-7122**.

**PRODUCT/FIRM:** Little Tikes® Workshop and Tool Sets by Little Tikes

**BRAND/MODEL:** This recall involves the toy nails sold as part of 11 additional models of Little Tikes® Workshop and tool sets listed below. The toy nails are



oversized, plastic, and about 3 ¼ inches long by 1 ¼ inches in diameter. The nails are either red or blue and have a large round head; below the nail head there is a plastic ridge, slightly smaller than the nail head and about 1 inch in diameter. The model number

may be found on some of the products. This product was sold by mass merchandise retailers nationwide from 1990 through 2004 for between \$25 and \$100.

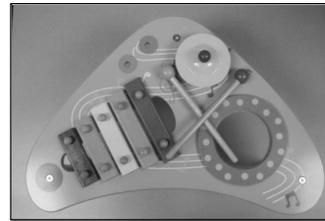
**PROBLEM:** The recalled workshop and tool sets have oversized, plastic toy nails that can pose a choking hazard to young children.

**REMEDY:** Consumers should immediately take the toy nails away from young children and contact the firm for free replacement toy nails. For additional information,

contact Little Tikes at **(800) 321-0183** or visit [www.littletikes.com](http://www.littletikes.com).

**PRODUCT/FIRM:** Musical Wooden Table Toys by Battat, Inc.

**BRAND/MODEL:** This recall involves Battat's Musical Wooden Table toys. The table has a green painted surface and colorful instruments affixed to the top. The table stands about 7 ½-inches tall and has three supporting legs. Instruments on the table include a xylophone, cymbal, drum and two drumsticks. This product



was sold at music and toy stores nationwide and on the Internet from September 2006 to October 2010 for about \$30.

**PROBLEM:** Small pegs on the xylophone toy can loosen and detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

**REMEDY:** Consumers should immediately take the recalled toys away from children and contact Battat at **(800) 247-6144** or visit [www.battatco.com](http://www.battatco.com) to receive a refund.

## CHILD PRODUCT RECALLS

**PRODUCT/FIRM:** Explorer and Hammerhead Strollers by phil&teds USA, Inc.

**BRAND/MODEL:** The recalled strollers have metal frames and were sold as single strollers or with a double kit to make them double strollers. The Explorer has three wheels and the Hammerhead has four. Both have a cloth seat and canopy. Explorer strollers were sold in the following colors: black, apple green, navy, red/black and apple green/black. Hammerhead strollers were sold in black only. The phil&teds logo is located on the crotch piece of the harness on both models. The strollers have the text "phil&teds model EX explorer" or "phil&teds model HH hammerhead" printed on a sticker on the rear axle bar. The serial numbers run consecutively with the month and year followed by the unit number. Affected serial numbers are 0610/0001 to 0111/4788 (June 2010, unit #1, to January 2011, unit #4788). This information can be found on a sticker attached to the inside of the left hand hinge when viewing the stroller from behind. This product was sold online at [philandteds.com](http://philandteds.com), [pishposhbaby.com](http://pishposhbaby.com), and [albeebaby.com](http://albeebaby.com); and at Babies R Us and specialty juvenile retailers in the United States and Canada from August 2010 through June 2011 for between \$475 and \$500.



**PROBLEM:** The brake mechanism on the strollers can fail, posing an injury hazard.

**REMEDY:** Consumers should immediately stop using the product and contact phil&teds at **(855) 652-9019** or visit [www.philandteds.com/support](http://www.philandteds.com/support) to arrange to receive an upgraded brake assembly. Explorer owners will receive a new frame fitted with an upgraded brake assembly. Consumers can perform an in-home swap out of the affected frame. Hammerhead owners will receive a pre-paid return shipping container in order to return the stroller to phil&teds where the brake assembly will be replaced and the stroller returned.

**PRODUCT/FIRM:** Bathtub Non-Slip Pads by Prime-Line Products Company, Inc.

**BRAND/MODEL:** The recalled items are whale-shaped, white, vinyl, non-slip bathtubs with textured surfaces and adhesive backings and are used to prevent children from slipping and falling in bathtubs. The pads come in sets of 12 and 15. Each set contains pads that range in size from 2 to 4 inches tall. The model number is S-4630 and SKU number is 049793846303. Both are printed on the back of the packaging. This product was sold at Ace Hardware & Menards nationwide between May 24, 2010 and



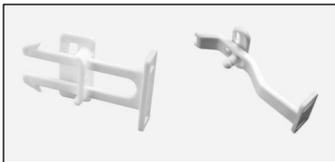
June 13, 2011 for about \$6.

**PROBLEM:** Some pads do not stick to the bathtub surface, posing a fall hazard to consumers.

**REMEDY:** Consumers should immediately stop using the pads and contact Prime-Line at **(855) 839-9555** or visit [www.prime-line-products.com](http://www.prime-line-products.com) to receive a full refund.

**PRODUCT/FIRM:** Safety Latches and Outlet Covers by Prime-Line

**BRAND/MODEL:** This recall involves Prime-Line child safety drawer and cabinet latches and outlet covers with rotating receptacle covers. These products were sold under the brand name Child Safe. The drawer and cabinet latches were sold three per package, in model number S 4439 with SKU 049793044396, and model numbers S



4444 with SKU 049793044440. The outlet covers were sold one per package, in ivory, model number S 4447 with SKU 049793044471, and white, model number S 4461 with SKU 049793044617. The model number and SKU are printed on the back of the package. The drawer and cabinet latches were sold at Ace Hardware, Bostwic-Braun, Cal-Do-It Centers, Do-It-Best, Friedman Brothers, Menards, Orgill, The Anderson, Inc. and True Value stores nationwide between October 2010 and June 2011 for between \$2.50 and \$2.70. Outlet covers were sold at Ace Hardware, Cimarron Lumber & Supply, Do-It- Best, Friedman Brothers, Handy Hardware, Menards and W.E. Aubuchon stores nationwide between October 2009 and June 2011 for about \$3.50.

**PROBLEM:** The screws on the safety latches and outlet covers can loosen and/or break. When this happens,

young children can gain access to electrical outlets and other potentially hazardous items.

**REMEDY:** Consumers should immediately contact Prime-Line at **(855) 839-9555** or visit [www.prime-line-products.com](http://www.prime-line-products.com) to receive a free replacement kit.

**PRODUCT/FIRM:** Circo Children's Task Lamps by Target Corporation

**BRAND/MODEL:** The following four styles of the children's task lamp are included in this recall: Striped (navy-colored head, with sky blue and white stripes and blue lamp based), UPC number 490970221923; Sports (white head, with baseball stitch pattern and blue lamp base), UPC number 490970222685; Dot (white head, with lines of multicolored dots and lavender lamp base), UPC number 490970224047; Flower Dot (Pink head, with pattern of white flowers and leaves and pink lamp



base), UPC number 490970221947. This product was sold exclusively at Target stores nationwide and Target.com from January 2011 to April 2011 for about \$13.

**PROBLEM:** Lamps overheat, causing the adhesive inside the lamp socket to melt and migrate into the bulb area of the socket. The cooled glue can adhere to the light bulb base and make the bulb difficult to remove which can result in a broken light bulb, posing a risk of laceration to consumers. Melted flammable glue that migrates onto the electrical components of the lamp poses a risk of fire.

**REMEDY:** Consumers should immediately stop using the lamps and return them to any Target store at **(800) 440-0680** or visit [www.target.com](http://www.target.com) to receive a full refund.

**PRODUCT/FIRM:** "metoo" Clip-on Chair by phil&teds USA, Inc.

**BRAND/MODEL:** The product is an infant/toddler chair with a nylon fabric seat and a metal frame that clamps onto tables using two metal vise clamps. The upper part



of each clamp rests on the table top and has either a rubber pad on its underside or a rubber boot covering the clamp. The chair is sold in three fabric colors- red, black and navy. Chairs subject to this recall do not have black plastic spacers between the cross bar and the clamps. This product was sold through Buy Buy Baby, Target, Toys R Us and their online sites; philandteds.com; Amazon.com; other online retailers; and a variety of independent juvenile specialty stores from May 2006 to May 2011 for between \$40 and \$50.

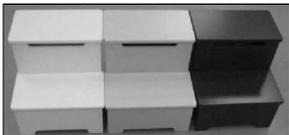
**PROBLEM:** Missing or worn clamp pads allow the chairs to detach from a variety of different table surfaces, posing a fall hazard. In addition, when the chair detaches, children's fingers can be caught between the bar and clamping mechanism, posing an amputation hazard. The three other reports of injury involved

bruising after a chair detached suddenly and a child struck the table or floor.

**REMEDY:** Consumers should immediately stop using the product and contact the company to receive a free repair kit and revised user instructions. Consumers who previously received a repair kit with only rubber boots should also stop using the chair and contact the company for the new repair kit. For additional information, contact phil&teds at **(855) 652-9019** or visit [www.philandteds.com/support](http://www.philandteds.com/support).

**PRODUCT/FIRM:** Step Stools with Storage by Target Corporation

**BRAND/MODEL:** The wooden step stool has two steps and comes in various colors, including natural, natural and red, white, pink, blue and honey. The Circo step stool has a lid on the bottom step that lifts to provide storage. The Do Your Room (DYR)



step stool has a lid on the top step that lifts to provide storage. The step stools measure approximately 13" H x 13 5/8" W x 14 1/8" D. The Circo brand name or DYR brand name and UPC numbers are printed on a label found underneath the step stool. This product was sold exclusively at Target stores nationwide and online at Target.com from January 2007 through October 2010 for between \$25 and \$30.

**PROBLEM:** The wooden step stools can break or collapse under the weight of the user, posing a fall hazard.

**REMEDY:** Consumers should immediately stop using the step stools and return them to any Target stores to receive a full refund. For additional information, contact Target at **(800) 440-0680** or visit [www.target.com](http://www.target.com).

**PRODUCT/FIRM:** Wood Twin Bunk Beds and Loft Bunk Beds by American Woodcrafters



**BRAND/MODEL:** This recall involves upper guardrails on twin-over-twin bunk beds and twin-over-double bed loft designs. The beds have a permanent label attached to the headboard or the footboard with the American Woodcrafters logo; SKU numbers, 1800-977 or 1800-969; PO

Numbers: 103276, 103432, or 300038; and the manufacturing date. These products were sold by furniture dealers nationwide from October 2010 to June 2011 for between \$600 and \$1,000.

**PROBLEM:** The guard rails on upper bunks can crack and cause the mattress and its support rails to collapse, posing a fall hazard

**REMEDY:** Consumers should immediately stop using the upper beds and contact American Woodcrafters or their furniture dealers to arrange for the free replacement of upper bunk guard rails. For additional information, contact American Woodcrafters at **(888) 429-7265** or visit [www.american-woodcrafters.com](http://www.american-woodcrafters.com).

**PRODUCT/FIRM:** Drop-side cribs by Shermag Inc.

**BRAND/MODEL:** This recall involves wooden drop-side cribs with hidden drop-side hardware. The cribs were sold in various colors. Model numbers 202647, 211047 and 272547 are included in this recall. The cribs were sold separately and as part of the "City Lights," "Fairy Tales" and "Dormez Vous" furniture collections. "Shermag" is printed on a tag on the mattress springs. The model



numbers can be found on stickers and warning labels on the crib's headboard or footboard. This product was sold at The Land of Nod and other baby specialty stores from September 2004 through December 2008 for between \$400 and \$800.

**PROBLEM:** The drop-side rail hardware can break or fail, allowing the drop side to detach from the crib. When the drop-side detaches, a hazardous gap is created between the drop-side rail and the crib mattress in which infants and toddlers can become wedged or entrapped, posing risks of suffocation and strangulation. In addition, children can fall out of the crib when the drop-side rail falls unexpectedly or detaches from the crib.

**REMEDY:** Consumers should stop using these cribs immediately and contact Shermag at **(800) 567-3419** or visit <http://www.shermag.com> to request a free repair kit that will immobilize the drop-side. In the meantime, parents are urged to find an alternate, safe sleeping environment for the child.

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To join the Safety Box Mailing List, contact the Department of Social Services (DSS) at (225) 342-9905.

**Note:** The daycare facility must be registered with DSS to join the Safety Box Mailing List.

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