

Health Alerts: Teething jewelry, window cords, and more

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Teething jewelry not safe for infants

Teething necklaces, bracelets and other jewelry are unsafe and should not be worn by infants or children, according to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

The jewelry is made of amber, silicone, wood or marble. It is sold to lessen teething pain in infants or to help redirect chewing in children with special needs such as autism or attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder.

Infants were nearly strangled or have choked on the jewelry when beads broke off. An 18-month-old died after being strangled by an amber necklace during a nap, according to the FDA.

The American Academy of Pediatrics says infants should not wear any jewelry.

To soothe teething infants, massage their gums or give them rubber teething rings that are not frozen. Never use over-the-counter, homeopathic or natural pain relief gels or teething tablets. They contain benzocaine, lidocaine or belladonna, which can be harmful or deadly for infants.



Window covering cord safety

Children are at risk of strangling in window cords. From 2012-'17, 50 children died when they became tangled and strangled by cords.

Parents are urged to replace window coverings that have cords with cordless coverings. Most window coverings sold in stores and online are required to be cordless or have unreachable, short cords.

Until window coverings with cords can be replaced, make sure that cribs, beds, furniture and toys are placed away from windows and window cords. Keep cords out of reach, get rid of dangling cords, make tasseled pull cords as short as possible and anchor beaded chain loops and cord loops permanently to the floor or wall.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has announced the recall of the following products. Consumers should stop using recalled products unless otherwise instructed. Consumers can submit reports of harm to CPSC's searchable online product safety database at www.SaferProducts.gov. A searchable food and medical product recall database is available at www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/default.htm.



Iron vitamins

Units: 756,000

Hazard: The blister packaging is not child resistant. If children swallow too many vitamins, they are at risk of poisoning or death.

Description: Recalled are Women's Iron Complete Dietary Supplement 60-count caplets in blister packets.

Sold at: GNC retail stores nationwide and online at GNC.com from September 2000 to August 2018 and Drugstore.com until August 2016 for about \$10.

Remedy: Return products to a GNC store for a refund.

Contact: Call 888-462-2548, email customer-service@gnc-hq.com or visit <https://www.gnc.com/recall-notice.html>.



Convertible high chairs

Units: About 32,300

Hazard: The legs on the chair can detach from the seat and children can fall.

Description: Skip Hop's Tuo convertible high chairs have reversible seat pad, removable tray, five-point harness, beechwood footrest and legs and can be converted into a toddler chair. Recalled are charcoal gray chairs (style 304200) with date codes HH5/2017, HH6/2017, HH7/2017, HH8/2017, HH9/2017, HH092717, HH030518, HH05182018 and HH05312018 and silver/white with clouds chairs (style 304201) with date codes HH092917 and HH010518.

Sold at: Babies "R" Us, Buy Buy Baby, Target, Kohls, Dillards and other children's specialty stores nationwide and online at Amazon.com and SkipHop.com from June 2017 through December 2018 for about \$160.

Remedy: Stop using the chairs and contact Skip Hop for instructions on how to receive a refund or gift card of equal value.

Contact: Call 888-282-4674 or visit <https://www.skiphoprecall.com/>.



Infant snowsuits

Units: About 14,900

Hazard: The metal snaps on the snowsuit can detach, and young children can choke on them.

Description: Recalled are snowsuits sold in infant sizes 0 to 18 months. The snowsuits have matching print hoods with small ears and detachable mittens. A zipper down the front of the suit is covered with a fabric snap flap at the chest. Styles include White Sophy floral (2111187), Jazzberry ladybug (2111187) and Rosebud heart (2111188).

Sold at: Children's Place and www.childrensplace.com from August to November 2018 for \$50.

Remedy: Return snowsuits to a Children's Place store for a refund. Online shoppers should watch for an email from the website with return instructions.

Contact: Call 877-752-2387 or visit <https://www.childrensplace.com/us/content/recall-information>.



Children's robes

Units: About 13,000

Hazard: The robes do not meet federal flammability standards for children's sleepwear.

Description: The Company Store children's 100% cotton terry robes were sold in sizes XS, S, M, L and XL in blue, green, gray, orange, pink, purple, red and white. RN#120962 and tracking number CS3981DR, CS0981DR or 28738 are on a label.

Sold at: www.thecompanystore.com from March 2015 to October 2018 for about \$60.

Remedy: Contact the company for a refund.

Contact: Call 800-273-7702 or visit <http://www.thecompanystore.com/product-recalls.html>.



Children's books

Units: 1,180

Hazard: Metal grommets attached to the fabric flaps on the pages can come off, and children can choke on them.

Description: Find the Bear books have fabric flaps sewn or attached to the pages. The front cover has blue and purple horizontal stripes and a panda's face. The book is labeled with the Manhattan Toy logo and lot code 208150 AJ.

Sold at: Specialty retailers nationwide and online at Amazon.com, Buybuybaby.com, Manhattantoy.com and other websites from March 2017 through July 2018 for about \$18.

Remedy: Return books to the store where purchased or contact Manhattan Toy for a refund.

Contact: Call 800-541-1345 or visit <http://bit.ly/2ETIETn>.

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