

TOP 20 BIGGEST CHILDREN'S PRODUCT RECALLS OF 2009

Equipment and product recalls from reputable children's brands make headlines every day, but unless most people never hear about them to see if they may have some of those products in their home. Below are some of the biggest child related equipment and product recalls of 2009.

| NAME OF PRODUCT | COMPANY BRAND | HAZARD |
|---|--|--|
| Maclaren Strollers | Maclaren USA, Inc., of South Norwalk, CT | The stroller's hinge mechanism poses a fingertip amputation and laceration hazard to the child when the consumer is unfolding/opening the stroller. |
| Plum Organics Apple & Carrot Portable Pouch Baby Food | Plum Organics | A potential Clostridium botulinum contamination risk. Clostridium botulinum can cause botulism a serious and sometimes life-threatening condition. |
| Children's and Infants' Tylenol | McNeil Consumer Healthcare | An inactive ingredient may have been contaminated with bacteria. |
| Window Blinds and Shades from IKEA, Pottery Barn Kids/Williams-Sonoma, Target and Vertical Land | Pottery Barn Kids/Williams-Sonoma, Inc. of San Francisco, CA; Vertical Land Inc., of Panama City Beach, FL; Lutron Electronics Co. Inc., of Coopersburg, PA; Victoria Classics of Edison, NJ; IKEA Home Furnishings, of Conshohocken, PA | The blinds do not have inner cord stop devices to prevent the accessible inner cords from being pulled out. If an inner cord is pulled out, a child can become entangled in the loop and strangle. |
| Evenflo Envision High Chair | Evenflo Company Inc., of Miamisburg, OH | The high chair's recline fasteners and metal screws can loosen and fall out, allowing the seatback to detach or recline unexpectedly. Children can fall backward or fall out of the high chair and suffer bumps and bruises to the head, abrasions, cuts and bruises. The detached hardware also poses a choking hazard to children. |
| Simplicity "Close-Sleeper/Bedside Sleeper" Bassinet | SFCA Inc., Reading, PA | When the bassinet's Velcro flap isn't re-secured after adjustment, an infant can slip between the metal bars, posing an entrapment and suffocation hazard. |
| Stork Craft Baby Crib | Stork Craft Manufacturing Inc., of British Columbia, Canada | The metal brackets supporting the crib's mattress and mattress board can crack and break, causing the mattress to collapse. This creates a dangerous gap between the mattress and the crib rails, posing an entrapment and suffocation risk for a young child. |

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--|--|
| Simplicity Drop-Side Crib | SFCA Inc. of Reading, PA | The crib's plastic hardware can break or deform, causing the drop side to detach. When the drop side detaches, it creates space between the drop side and the crib mattress. Infants and toddlers can roll into this space, posing an entrapment and suffocation hazard. |
| Rainforest Portable Play Yard | SFCA Inc., of Reading, PA | One or more rails can collapse unexpectedly, posing a fall or entrapment hazard to young children. |
| Jardine Crib | Jardine Enterprises, of Taipei, Taiwan | The wooden crib slats can break, creating a gap that can trap or strangle an infant or toddler. |
| Evenflo Majestic High Chair | Evenflo Company Inc., of Miamisburg, OH | The plastic caps and metal screws on both sides of the high chair can loosen and fall out, allowing the seatback to suddenly fall back or detach from the high chair. Children can fall backward or fall out of the high chair and suffer bumps and bruises to the head, broken bones, abrasions, cuts and bruises. The detached hardware also poses a choking hazard to children. RECALL DATE: April 2, 2009 |
| Eddie Bauer Play Yard | Dorel Juvenile Group Inc., of Columbus, IN | The play yard's rocking bassinet attachment can tilt even when secured by straps in the non-rocking mode or can stay tilted without returning to a level sleeping surface while in the rocking mode. This can cause an infant to roll to the corner or side of the bassinet. The baby can then become wedged in the corner or pressed against the side or bottom of the bassinet, posing a risk of suffocation or positional asphyxiation. |
| Healthtex Pacifier | Healthtex, of Miami, FL | The pacifier failed to meet federal safety standards. The nipple can separate from the base easily, posing a choking hazard to young children. |
| Simplicity Travel Tender Play Yard | SFCA, Inc., of Reading, PA | One or more of the play yard's rails can collapse unexpectedly, posing a fall or entrapment hazard to young children. |
| Fisher-Price 3-in-1 High Chair | Fisher-Price, of East Aurora, NY | The high chair's seat can fall backward from its frame if the booster seat release is unlatched. If it's not fully snapped in place, the seat back can detach, posing a fall hazard and risk of serious injury to young children. |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Bugaboo Bee Stroller | Bugaboo North America Inc., of Hermosa Beach, CA | One or both sides of the brakes can fail, causing a stroller to unexpectedly roll away on an incline. This can pose a risk of injury to the child. |
| BabyBjorn Babysitter Balance and Balance Air Bouncer Chair | BabyBjörn AB, of Sweden | Small, sharp metal objects found in the padded area of the bouncer chair can protrude, posing a laceration hazard to children. |
| Bonavita "Hudson" and Babi Italia "Pinehurst" Drop-Side Cribs | LaJobi Inc., of Cranbury, NJ | The lower spring pins on the footboard and headboard can pop out of the tracks located on the drop side, causing the drop side to detach from the crib. When the it detaches, it can create a hazardous gap between the drop side and the crib mattress. Infants and toddlers can become entrapped, suffocate or fall from cribs. |
| SunKids Convertible Crib | Suntech Enterprises Inc., of City of Commerce, CA | The crib's mesh sides expand, creating a gap between the side and the crib's mattress. If it's not zipped into place, it can create a gap between the side and the mattress. A young child can slip into this gap and become entrapped or suffocate. The crib's drop side can also fail to fully latch, posing a fall hazard to young children. |
| Kolcraft, Carter's, Sesame Street, Jeep, Contours, Care Bear and Eric Carle Play Yard | Kolcraft Enterprises Inc. of Chicago, IL | The play yard's side rail can fail to latch properly. When a child pushes against the rail it can unlatch unexpectedly and the child can fall. |

For more information on these and other child related product recalls, including recalled toys, please go to the following helpful links:

<http://www.cpsc.gov/>

http://parenting.ivillage.com/slideshow/parenting/biggest_childrens_product_recalls_of_2009/get_more_from_ivillage_58.html