



# **Clear and Present Dangers: *Children's Product Recalls in 2001***

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## **Executive Summary**

In 2000, over 600,000 children were rushed to emergency rooms because of injuries involving children's products.<sup>1</sup> The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is the agency entrusted with keeping consumers, including children, safe from dangerous products. Because of the great risk to children from dangerous products, Kids In Danger undertook this report to look at children's products recalled by the CPSC during the 2001 calendar year.

Children's products comprise but a handful of products under the jurisdiction of the CPSC, yet accounted for more than half of all recalls in 2001. Of the 225 products recalled in 2001, 118, or 52%, were children's products. The CPSC recalled an average of 2 children's products per week.

Other findings of this report include:

- Forty-one percent of all children's product recalls are for toys. Nursery and sports equipment follow at 23% each and clothing at 14%.
- The largest recall was for 3.8 million kid's meals toys from Chik-Fil-A, followed by 3.4 million car seat/carriers by Evenflo.
- The highest injury rates were for strollers recalled by Century Products (250 injuries reported of 650,000 sold) and highchairs by Graco Products (105 injuries of 860,000 sold).
- Two children died in products that were recalled in 2001: one in a top-rails collapsing Cosco playpen and one in a Burger King net-enclosed play structure. Cosco had 421 complaints of the playpen's locking mechanism failing but did not recall the product until after the death.
- Safety 1<sup>st</sup> recalled more products than any other children's manufacturer in 2001, with four different products accounting for almost 3.5 million units.

Based on the analysis of 2001 recalls, Kids In Danger recommends that manufacturers and the CPSC devote more expertise and energy to retrieving recalled products, to measuring the effectiveness of recalls, and that the CPSC begin to examine why products that do not meet mandatory standards are reaching the marketplace.

Kids In Danger is a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting children by improving children's product safety. This report is based on public information about recalls released by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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<sup>1</sup> *NEISS Data Highlights—2000, Consumer Product Safety Review* Fall 2001: 3-4. U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. This number was calculated from estimated number of injuries of children under the age of 15 in the following categories: All Nursery Equipment, All Toys, Bicycles & Accessories, and Clothing.

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### **Introduction**

In 2000, over 600,000 children were rushed to emergency rooms because of injuries involving children's products.<sup>2</sup> Seventy-seven children under the age of five died in nursery products alone.<sup>3</sup> The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is the agency entrusted with keeping consumers, including children, safe from dangerous products. Because of the great risk to children from dangerous products, Kids In Danger undertook this report to look at children's products recalled by the CPSC during the 2001 calendar year.

Recall press releases issued jointly by the product manufacturer and the CPSC were examined, and the children's products recorded (appendix A). A children's product is any product designed or intended for the care of or use by children. For example, Safety 1<sup>st</sup>'s recall of 1.7 million packages of safety latches is considered a children's product recall because the latches are sold to prevent children from opening cabinets and drawers. This product was recalled in July 2001 because the latch is prone to breakage. Because of this defect, a two-year-old girl suffered chemical burns to her throat after gaining access to a bathroom cabinet and spraying tile cleaner into her mouth.

Other products that pose a potential danger to children but are not intended for their use or care are not counted as children's products. In April, for example, the California company Gladstrong Investments recalled a lighter because of an ineffective child-restraint mechanism. We do not consider this a children's product recall, even though a four-year-old girl died after starting a fire with a Gladstrong lighter. There are many more recalls than are counted in this report that pose risk to children.

### **The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission**

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) was created in 1972 by Congress under the Consumer Product Safety Act and began operating in 1973. In the Consumer Product Safety Act, Congress directed the CPSC to protect the public "against unreasonable risks of injuries associated with consumer products."

The CPSC has jurisdiction over more than 15,000 kinds of consumer products used in and around the home, in sports, recreation and schools. They do not have jurisdiction over some categories of products including automobiles and other on-road vehicles, tires, boats, alcohol, tobacco, firearms, food, drugs, cosmetics, pesticides, and medical devices.

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<sup>2</sup> *NEISS Data Highlights—2000, Consumer Product Safety Review* Fall 2001: 3-4. U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. This number was calculated from estimated number of injuries of children under the age of 15 in the following categories: All Nursery Equipment, All Toys, Bicycles & Accessories, and Clothing.

<sup>3</sup> *Nursery Product-Related Injuries and Deaths to Children under Age Five, Memorandum of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* November 20, 2001: 2.

## Frequency of Children's Product Recalls

Children's products comprise but a handful of products under the jurisdiction of the CPSC, yet accounted for more than half of all recalls in 2001. Of the 225 products recalled in 2001, 118, or 52%, were children's products.

These recalls account for nearly 23 million individual units found in our homes, playgrounds, and childcare facilities.

Forty-one percent of all 2001 children's product recalls were for toys. Nursery products and sports equipment follow at 23% each, and clothing at 14%.

In 2001, children's  
products were  
recalled at a rate of  
more than  
**two per week.**

**Table 1: CPSC Recalls in 2001**

	# Recalls	% All Recalls	% Children's'	# Items
<b>All Recalls</b>	214	100%		
<b>Children's</b>	118	52%	100%	22,992,667
<b>Toys</b>	48	21%	41%	11,104,855
<b>Nursery</b>	27	12%	23%	10,072,436
<b>Clothing</b>	16	7%	14%	1,344,275
<b>Sports</b>	27	12%	23%	471,101

## Largest Recalls

The more units of a product sold to consumers, the larger the recall. The chart below lists the top ten product recalls of 2001 by number of units sold. More than 500,000 units of each of the following products were recalled.

**Table 2: Top Ten Children's Product Recalls by Units in 2001**

Product Recall	Manufacturer	Units	Hazards	Injuries
Planet Discovery kid's meal toys	Chick-fil-A	3,800,000	choking	1
Car Seats/Carriers	Evenflo	3,400,000	falls	97
Two Kids Meal Toys	Burger King	2,600,000	choking	6 children found with parts in mouth, 0 injuries
Cabinet and Drawer Spring Latches	Safety 1st	1,700,000	choking, access to dangerous items	2
Fold-Up Booster Seats	Safety 1st	1,500,000	falls	7
Highchairs	Graco	860,000	falls	105
Zapper toys	eight firms	835,000	choking	1
Multi-Use Strollers	Century Products	650,000	falls	250
Infant Jumpsuits	William Carter	600,000	choking	4 children gagging, 0 injuries
Portable Bassinets	Fisher-Price	569,000	pinching	10

## Injuries and Deaths to Children

CPSC press releases indicate that 672 children were injured and two children died as a result of children's products recalled in 2001.

The following products lead the list of children's product recalls in the number of injuries they have caused to children *at the time of the recall*. Neither manufacturers nor the CPSC make a concerted effort to track the effectiveness of recalls; completion rates for children's products are low, leaving majority of recalled products are unaccounted for.<sup>4</sup> Injuries continue to accrue *after* a recall is issued.

**Table 3: Top Children's Product Recalls by Total Injuries in 2001**

Product Recall	Manufacturer	Units	Hazards	Injuries
Multi-Use Strollers	Century Products Co.	650,000	falls	250
Highchairs	Graco Children's Products Inc.	860,000	falls	105
Car Seats/Carriers	Evenflo Company Inc.	3,400,000	falls	97
Boys' Mountain Bicycles	Dynacraft Industries Inc.	38,000	falls	32
Mountain Bicycles	Dynacraft Industries Inc.	54,000	falls	31
LiteSport Strollers	Kolcraft Enterprises, Inc.	115,000	falls	22
Swings on Backyard Gym Sets	Hedstrom Corp.	190,000	falls	19
Bungee Baby Jumpers	Safety 1st and Cosco Inc.	171,000	falls	15
Portable Bassinets	Fisher-Price	569,000	bodily injury	10
Bicycle Forks Installed on Mountain Bicycles	Us International Co. Ltd.	40,000	falls	9
Butterfly Baby Toys	Kids II Inc.	21,000	bodily injury	9

Such was the case with Kolcraft's Playskool Travel-Lite portable crib and four other brands of portable cribs/play yards of the same design (appendix B). Between 1990-1992, five different companies put their crib on store shelves. Kolcraft was the first to recall their crib in 1993. In the following four years, each of the four remaining manufacturers recalled their version of the crib, the last in 1997. One by one, these cribs proved lethal.

After the death of Chicago toddler Danny Keysar and New Jersey infant William Curran in 1998, five years after the original recall, it became deadly clear that the original recalls had not been effective. These products were still being used. In response to the rising death toll, the CPSC released a warning about these portable cribs/play yards in June 1998, August 1998, and again in February 2001, after nine-month-old Riley Grasseth of Longview, Washington was killed in a Baby Trend crib/play yard. Baby Trend's product was implicated in the death of another Washington baby, Ethan Hauser, in June 2001. Fifteen children have died in these types of cribs. One and a half million units of these deadly cribs were manufactured. To date, it is impossible to know how many are still in use.

<sup>4</sup> Felcher, E. Marla, It's No Accident: How Corporations Sell Dangerous Baby Products (Monroe: Common Courage Press, 2001) 94-98.

Another collapsing top-rail playpen was recalled in October 2001. Dorel Juvenile Group, of Columbus, Indiana recalled 102,000 Cosco "Zip n Go," "Okie Dokie," and "Carters" playpens. It became clear that the plastic tabs that lock the rails into the corners could break or loosen over time, allowing the rails to turn inward, collapse, and entrap an infant. At the time of the recall, the manufacturer had received 421 reports of rails collapsing or not locking. But it wasn't until an 11-month-old baby from Elyria, Ohio, died in June 2001 that the company proceeded with a recall. Similar to the victims of the portable cribs described above, this baby suffocated when her body became entrapped by the V-shape created by the collapsed top-rails of his playpen.



Why, after 421 complaints about this playpen, did a child have to die before it was recalled?

Another child's death prompted a product recall in 2001. On April 29, a four-year-old boy died in a St. Louis, Missouri Burger King restaurant while playing in a net-enclosed play structure. The boy gained access to an area of the enclosed playground not intended for play, became entrapped between parts of the structure, and died. In June 2001, Burger King Corporation of Miami, Florida announced a recall to replace the nets on its enclosed indoor and outdoor play structures throughout the United States with "no-climb" nets from the floor up to 7 feet to prevent children from climbing into areas not meant for play.

It must be stressed that the injury statistics above reflect the reported number of injuries at the time of the recall and that they are likely lower than the actual number of injuries. This statistic will continue to rise until manufacturers and the CPSC make serious efforts to publicize recalls and remove every dangerous product from consumers' homes.

## Multiple Recalls by Company

With four children's product recalls, Safety 1<sup>st</sup> of Canton, Massachusetts recalled more products than any other company in 2001. Two of the recalls, the spring latches and booster seats, rank fourth and fifth, respectively, on the list of largest children's product recalls (see Table 2).

**Table 4: Safety 1<sup>st</sup>—Four Product Recalls in 2001**

Product Recalls	Units	Hazards	Injuries
Cabinet and Drawer Spring Latches	1,700,000	choking, access to dangerous items	2
Fold-Up Booster Seats	1,500,000	falls	7
Bungee Baby Jumpers (with Cosco Inc.)	171,000	falls	15
Wipe Warmers (with Cosco Inc.)	100,600	electric shock	0

Safety 1<sup>st</sup> is also the primary manufacturer of baby bath seats, a product responsible for at least 78 deaths since they hit the market in 1981. The type of bath seats sold today have never been recalled, although there are a number of reasons why they are inherently dangerous. First, the leg openings are too large; children can easily maneuver both feet into one leg hole and slide their body through. Second, the suction cups are prone to detach from the product, causing it to easily tip over with the child still in it. Third, and most notably, bath seats give parents and caregivers a false sense of security.



All parents know not to leave a child alone in a tub of water, but they are much more likely to turn their heads for a short time to, say, pick up the phone or attend to another child when they see the child sitting upright, presumably safe in a baby bath seat. There are strong arguments for why baby bath seats contribute to the high infant drowning rate. When confronted with this information, manufacturers continually ignore it and choose to blame parents instead. Indeed, Safety 1<sup>st</sup> has much at stake. While other manufactures have voluntarily quit making baby bath seats, Safety 1<sup>st</sup> estimated their 1999 gross sales of this product to be four to five million dollars.<sup>5</sup>

There are currently no standards, not even voluntary standards set by the manufacturers, for baby bath seats. In May 2001, years after they were introduced and 78 deaths later, the CPSC voted to begin the rulemaking to improve the safety of baby bath seats.

Burger King Corporation and Fisher-Price of East Aurora, N.Y. follow Safety 1<sup>st</sup> with three recalls each in 2001.

**Table 5: Fisher-Price—Three Product Recalls in 2001**

Product Recalls	Units	Hazards	Injuries
Portable Bassinets	569,000	Pinching	10
Basketball Sets	55,000	Strangulation	0
Intelli-Table toys	20,000	Choking	0

**Table 6: Burger King—Three Product Recalls in 2001**

Product Recalls	Units	Hazards	Injuries
Hourglass Space Sprout and Look for Me Bumblebee Kids Meal Toys (with Alcone Marketing Group)	2,600,000	Choking	6 children found with parts in mouth, 0 injuries
Rattling, Paddling Riverboat Kid's Meal Toys (with Alcone Marketing Group)	400,000	Choking	1 child found with parts in mouth, 0 injuries
Nets On Soft Playgrounds	3,200	Strangulation	1 death

<sup>5</sup> Felcher, E. Marla, *It's No Accident: How Corporations Sell Dangerous Baby Products* (Monroe: Common Courage Press, 2001) 39.



In addition, each of the following companies recalled two products in 2001.

**Table 7: Companies with Two Product Recalls in 2001**

<b>Manufacturer</b>	<b>Product Recall</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Hazards</b>	<b>Injuries</b>
BikeE Corp.	Recumbent Bicycle Suspension Forks	1,400	falls	2
	Recumbent Tandem Bicycle	700	falls	0
BRIO® Corp.	Toy Baking Sets	6,450	choking	0
	Curious George Toys	3,100	choking	0
Dynacraft Industries Inc.	Mountain Bicycles	54,000	falls	31
	Boys' Mountain Bicycles	38,000	falls	32
Evenflo Company Inc.	Car Seats/Carriers	3,400,000	falls	97
	Baby Gates	20,500	choking, access	4
Gymboree Corp.	children's fleece pants	125,000	choking	0
	Baby Boy Bodysuits	5,500	choking	0
Kids II Inc.	Butterfly Baby Toys	21,000	bodily injury	9
	Pop Links Toys	20,000	choking	0
Kolcraft Enterprises, Inc.	LiteSport Strollers	115,000	falls	22
	Tot Rider Walkers	3,356	choking	0
Little Tikes Company	Swings	250,000	falls	5
	Lobster Toy on Stationary Entertainer	260	choking	0
Pacific Cycle LLC	Water Bottles Included With Girls' Bikes	42,000	choking	0
	Tandem Bicycle Accessories	2,500	falls	1
Raymond Geddes & Co.	children's Velcro wallets	55,000	lead poisoning	0
	Push'n Pop Toys	6,500	choking	Undisclosed
Supergo Corp.	bicycle handlebar ends	199	falls	0
	bicycle handlebars	125	falls	0

## Common Hazards

As these recalls indicate, choking and falls as the result of a dangerous product pose major threats to children. Thirty-two children's products—swings, strollers, and bicycles, for example—were recalled in 2001 because the defect posed a risk of falling to the ground, possibly resulting in bodily injury. Forty-four products were recalled because they posed a choking hazard. Small parts that detach from products—like zipper tabs on clothing or parts of dolls—can easily fit into a child's mouth.

What is notable about the high number of choking hazards is that there exists a CPSC regulation that bans toys and other articles intended for use by children under the age of three that are or have small parts, or that produce small parts when broken. If the manufacturers of these products had designed and tested their products to meet the CPSC's standards for small toy parts, children's product recalls in 2001 would have been cut almost in half.

Other 2001 recalled children's products that failed to meet CPSC standards include:

- 555,000 rattles manufactured by Sassy Inc. and Hands On Toys, Inc. The CPSC has specific requirements for rattles;
- 400 cribs recalled by LaJobi Industries. These cribs have cutouts in the end panels that allow young children to entrap their heads, resulting in strangulation. These cribs fail to meet CPSC's standards for full-size cribs;
- Five recalled children's products, 240,200 units, posed a risk of lead poisoning;
- Four recalls of children's clothing, 71,975 individual garments, violate the Federal Flammable Fabrics Act.

## Conclusion

Kids In Danger finds the following unacceptable:

- the rate at which children's products are recalled (2.3 per week),
- the number of children's product recalls as a percentage of all recalls (52%),
- the length of time that must pass and the number of injuries that accrue before a product is recalled, and
- the number of products recalled because of failure to meet existing mandatory standards set by the CPSC.

Kids In Danger recommends that:

- manufacturers use their marketing and sales expertise to reach and inform consumers of defective products in the event of a product recall,
- manufacturers and the CPSC work together to track the effectiveness of recalls,
- children's products meet existing mandatory standards, at minimum, and
- until children's products are required to be tested before they are sold, that manufacturers responsibly design and adequately test their products before they reach store shelves.

Kids In Danger would like to emphasize that *the fact that a product has not been recalled does not mean that it is safe*. Baby bath seats, for example, have not been recalled, even though they have been involved with at least 78 deaths. Many older full-size cribs that do not meet current standards have never been recalled. Without more standards and mandatory testing of children's products, our children will continue to be used as a virtual laboratory for manufacturers.

## Methodology

A children's product is defined as any product designed or intended for the care of or use by children. Other products that pose a potential danger to children but are not intended for their use or care are not counted as children's products.

Monthly lists of CPSC 2001 press releases were examined. Press releases issued jointly by a product manufacturer and the CPSC reporting recalls were counted and categorized into "children's product" and "other." Children's product recalls in 2001 not listed on monthly CPSC press release lists were sought and are included in this study.

Children's products were further categorized by type of product: clothing, nursery, sports, and toys. The product name, company name, number of units recalled, type of hazard, and incidents of failure, injury, and death were recorded for each (appendix A).

Sources of data not collected from public information about recalls released by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission are noted in footnotes.



Kids In Danger is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving children's product safety. Its goals are to *promote* the development of safer children's products, *advocate* for a legislative and regulatory strategy for children's product safety, and *educate* the public, especially parents and caregivers, about dangerous children's products.

To learn more about children's product safety and to find out what you can do to protect your children from recalled products, please visit Kids In Danger at [www.KidsInDanger.org](http://www.KidsInDanger.org) or contact us at 312-595-0649 or email [@KidsInDanger.org](mailto:@KidsInDanger.org).

## Appendix A: Children's Product Recalls, 2001

### January

Product Type	Product Recall	Company	Units Recalled	Hazard	Failure Incidents	Injuries (Deaths noted)
toys	Busy School Bus toys	Playskool	12,500	choking	5	0
sports	Children's Bicycles	Seattle Bike Supply	1,400	falls	1	0
clothing	Children's Jeans and Overalls	Designer Classics LLC	11,000	choking	1	1
clothing	Crayola® Toddler Boots	BBC International Ltd.	38,000	choking	0	0
clothing	Girls' Sweatshirts	Trends Clothing Corp.	6,600	choking	0	0
clothing	Infant Jumpsuits	William Carter Co.	600,000	choking	4	4 children gagging, 0 injuries

### February

Product Type	Product Recall	Company	Units Recalled	Hazard	Failure Incidents	Injuries (Deaths noted)
toys	Barbie Sunglasses	IMT Accessories	70,000	burns (chemical)	1	1
sports	Bicycle Forks Installed on Mountain Bicycles	Us International Co. Ltd.	40,000	falls	26	9
nursery	Cribs	Simmons Juvenile Products	68,600	suffocation	800	Undisclosed
nursery	Highchairs	Graco Children's Products Inc.	860,000	falls	108	105
toys	Planet Discovery Kid's Meal toys	Chick-fil-A Inc.	3,800,000	choking	7	1
nursery	Tot Rider Walkers	Kolcraft Enterprises, Inc.	3,356	choking	0	0
toys	Toy vehicles	Supreme Toys (H.K) Ltd.	290,000	choking	0	0
toys	Wooden Pull Toys	Pottery Barn Kids	2,900	choking	1	0

### March

Product Type	Product Recall	Company	Units Recalled	Hazard	Failure Incidents	Injuries (Deaths noted)
toys	Baseball Video Games	Radica USA Ltd.	140,000	hits	0	7
nursery	Bungee Baby Jumpers	Safety 1st and Cosco Inc.	171,000	falls	82	15
clothing	Children's bathrobes	Arusa International	1,175	burns	0	0
toys	Children's Brooms	EMSCO Inc	2,200	lead poisoning	0	0
clothing	Children's fleece pants	Gymboree Corp.	125,000	choking	1	0
toys	Children's Wands	Meijer Inc.	5,000	burns	2	0
toys	Educational Games	Lakeshore Learning Materials	13,000	lead poisoning	0	0
toys	Infant and toddler Intelli-Table toys	Fisher-Price	20,000	choking	32	0
clothing	Levi's infant and toddler garments	Levi Strauss & Co.	349,000	choking	2	0

## March (continued)

Product Type	Product Recall	Company	Units Recalled	Hazard	Failure Incidents	Injuries (Deaths noted)
toys	Rattling, Paddling Riverboat Kid's Meal Toys	Burger King Corporation and Alcone Marketing Group	400,000	choking	10	1 child found with parts in mouth, 0 injuries
toys	Scooter Bug Happy Meal Toys	McDonald's Corp.	234,000	choking	0	3
toys	Toy Drums	Eden LLC	5,800	choking	0	0
sports	Water Bottles Included With Girls' Bikes	Pacific Cycle LLC	42,000	choking	2	0
nursery	Wipe Warmers	Safety 1st and Cosco Inc.	100,600	electric shock	17	0
toys	Zapper toys	Eight firms	835,000	choking	1	1

## April

Product Type	Product Recall	Company	Units Recalled	Hazard	Failure Incidents	Injuries (Deaths noted)
sports	Boys' Mountain Bicycles	Dynacraft Industries Inc.	38,000	falls	33	32
clothing	Children's Costumes	Disney Store	54,000	burns	2	1
toys	Easter egg garlands	Tony USA Inc.	200,000	choking	Undisclosed	0
toys	Kid's Meal Toys	Creative Consumer Concepts Inc and Whataburger Inc	330,000	choking	4	0
sports	Wrestling Ear Guards	ASICS TIGER Corp.	60,000	bodily injury	10	3

## May

Product Type	Product Recall	Company	Units Recalled	Hazard	Failure Incidents	Injuries (Deaths noted)
nursery	Activity Rockers	COMBI International Corp.	4,100	choking	0	0
sports	Basketball Sets	Fisher-Price	55,000	strangulation	0	0
clothing	Boys' Vests	Saks Incorporated	14,500	choking	1	0
nursery	Car Seats/Carriers	Evenflo Company Inc.	3,400,000	falls	240	97
nursery	Changing Tables	Child Craft Industries	4,300	falls	6	0
sports	Giant Bicycle Forks	Giant Bicycle, Inc.	2,400	falls	2	1
sports	Mountain Bicycles	Dynacraft Industries Inc.	54,000	falls	0	31
toys	Push'n Pop Toys	Raymond Geddes & Co. Inc.	6,500	choking	Undisclosed	Undisclosed
toys	Snuggle® Teeny Bean Bears	Unilever Home and Personal Care USA	150,000	choking	Undisclosed	1
toys	Water Rocket Toys	Spin Master Toys	108,000	hits	0	5

## June

Product Type	Product Recall	Company	Units Recalled	Hazard	Failure Incidents	Injuries (Deaths noted)
toys	Activity Gym Toys	KB Toys	115,000	choking	6	2
clothing	Baby Boy Bodysuits	Gymboree Corp.	5,500	choking	0	0
nursery	Beanbag Cushions	Battat Incorporated	1,500	suffocation	0	1
nursery	Child Table Seats	Inglesina USA Inc.	780	falls	0	1
toys	Light N' Learn activity gyms	KB Toys	115,000	choking	6	2
nursery	Multi-Use Strollers	Century Products Co.	650,000	falls	681	250
sports	Nets On Soft Playgrounds	Burger King Corporation	3,200	strangulation	0	1 Death
toys	Remote Controlled Toy Race Cars	Equity Marketing Inc.	4,300	burns	3	0
nursery	Swings on Backyard Gym Sets	Hedstrom Corp.	190,000	falls	291	19
toys	Toy Baking Sets	BRIO Corp.	6,450	choking	0	0

## July

Product Type	Product Recall	Company	Units Recalled	Hazard	Failure Incidents	Injuries (Deaths noted)
nursery	Baby Walkers	SunTome Trading Corp.	600	falls	0	0
sports	Bicycle handlebar ends	Supergo Corp.	199	falls	2	0
sports	Bicycle handlebars	Supergo Corp.	125	falls	3	0
nursery	Cabinet and Drawer Spring Latches	Safety 1st	1,700,000	choking, access	27	2
sports	Children's Bicycles	Acetrike Bicycle Co.	38,800	falls	4	3
toys	Children's Velcro wallets	Raymond Geddes & Co. Inc.	55,000	lead poisoning	0	0
toys	Educational Kits	Advantage Publishers Group	160,000	lead poisoning	0	0
sports	Hemi 12-inch Children's Bicycles	Specialized Bicycles, Inc.	3,500	falls	2	2
nursery	High Chairs	Peg Perego USA Inc.	325,000	suffocation, bodily injury	51	4
toys	Hourglass Space Sprout and Look for Me Bumblebee Kids Meal Toys	Burger King Corporation and Alcone Marketing Group	2,600,000	choking	18	6 children found with parts in mouth, 0 injuries
sports	Hydraulic disc brakes	Magura USA	360	falls	0	0
nursery	Infant Seat Pads	Basic Comfort Inc.	16,000	strangulation	1	0
sports	Long-wheelbase recumbent bicycles	RANS Inc.	4,000	falls	8	0
toys	Paint Ball Masks	JT USA Inc.	4,000	bodily injury	1	0
nursery	Portable Bassinets	Fisher-Price	569,000	bodily injury	24	10
toys	Preschool Toys	Chicco USA Inc.	6,000	suffocation	1	0
toys	Stuffed Bears	Inca Imports	2,600	choking	0	0
sports	Suspension Forks	Cannondale Corp.	367	falls	6	0
toys	Toy Feeding Sets	Imperial Toy Corp.	100,000	choking	0	0
toys	Toy Kittens	DSI Toys, Inc.	238,000	illness	0	0

## August

Product Type	Product Recall	Company	Units Recalled	Hazard	Failure Incidents	Injuries (Deaths noted)
clothing	Children's Cargo Pants	Kids "R" Us and Babies "R" Us	7,000	choking	1	1
toys	Children's Toys	STK International	110,000	choking	0	0
toys	Dollhouse Furniture Sets	XL Machine Ltd.	10,000	lead poisoning	0	0
nursery	LiteSport Strollers	Kolcraft Enterprises, Inc.	115,000	falls	124	22
sports	Recumbent Bicycle Suspension Forks	BikeE Corp.	1,400	falls	2	2
clothing	REI Kids Super Caps	Recreational Equipment Inc.	1,600	choking	1	0
sports	Skateboard Helmets	World Industries Inc	10,000	bodily injury	0	0

## September

Product Type	Product Recall	Company	Units Recalled	Hazard	Failure Incidents	Injuries (Deaths noted)
toys	Butterfly Baby Toys	Kids II Inc.	21,000	bodily injury	27	9
toys	Children's Toy Toolboxes	Racing Champions Ertl Inc.	11,600	choking and laceration	0	0
clothing	Girl's pajama sets	SBH Restructuring Corp.	13,900	burns	0	0
nursery	Infant Carriers/Slings	Maya Wrap	5,000	falls	20	0
sports	TH!NK bike traveler electric bicycles	TH!NK Mobility, LLC	200	falls (result of handlebar breaking)	0	0
sports	Youth ATVs	American Suzuki Motor Corp.	7,400	crashes	1	0

## October

Product Type	Product Recall	Company	Units Recalled	Hazard	Failure Incidents	Injuries (Deaths noted)
nursery	Baby Gates	Evenflo Company Inc.	20,500	choking, access	9	4
sports	Bicycle Rims	Salsa Cycles	500	falls	6	0
nursery	Cosco Playpens	Dorel Juvenile Group	102,000	entrapment, suffocation	421	1 Death
nursery	Fold-Up Booster Seats	Safety 1st	1,500,000	falls	32	7
toys	Hello Baby toy phones	Discovery Toys	57,000	choking	8	0
toys	Rattles	Sassy Inc	455,000	choking	129	undisclosed
sports	Runt™ brand mini-bicycles	Wysco Inc.	95,000	falls	0	0
nursery	Swings	Little Tikes Company	250,000	falls	14	5
nursery	Toy Boxes	Palliser Furniture Ltd.	4,500	entrapment, strangulation	0	0

## November

Product Type	Product Recall	Company	Units Recalled	Hazard	Failure Incidents	Injuries (Deaths noted)
sports	Bicycle "Aero Bars"	Profile-Design LLC	8,400	falls	1	1
sports	Bicycle Rims	Performance Inc.	1,150	falls	2	0
sports	Bicycles	Raleigh America Inc.	500	crashes	5	0
toys	Blast Balls" Toys	JA-RU Inc.	43,000	burns	6	6
toys	Children's Board Books	Candlewick Press	78,670	choking	0	0
toys	Computer mouse sets	KB Gear	49,000	choking	1	0
clothing	Girl's Shoes	Stride Rite Children's Group Inc	109,000	choking	4	1
toys	Inflatable Baby Floats	Aqua-Leisure Industries Inc.	90,000	drowning	12	0
toys	Rattles	HandsOnToys, Inc.	100,000	choking	11	1
sports	Recumbent Tandem Bicycle	BikeE Corp.	700	falls	3	0
clothing	Sugar Plum Fairy costumes	Lillian Vernon Corporation	2,900	burns	0	0
sports	Tandem Bicycle Accessories	Pacific Cycle LLC	2,500	falls	1	1
toys	Zapper Toys	Manley Toy Direct	15,800	choking and aspiration	Undisclosed	0

## December

Product Type	Product Recall	Company	Units Recalled	Hazard	Failure Incidents	Injuries (Deaths noted)
nursery	Children's Dressers	Sandberg Manufacturer Co.	8,200	falls	0	1
nursery	Cribs	LaJobi Industries Inc.	400	entrapment	0	0
toys	Curious George Toys	BRIO Corp.	3,100	choking	0	0
clothing	Girl's Infant/Toddler Garments	Kid Cool LLC	5,100	choking	1	1
nursery	Little Wood Cribs	L.A. Baby	2,000	entrapment	9	0
toys	Lobster Toy Attached to Stationary Entertainer	Little Tikes Company	260	choking	0	0
toys	Motor speed controller	Lite Machines Corp.	375	burns	3	0
toys	Pop Links Toys	Kids II Inc.	20,000	choking	11	0
toys	Toy Baby Buzz'r	Baby Buzz'r International	8,800	choking	5	0



## Appendix B: Portable Crib Recalls, 1993-1997

Date of Original Recall	Product and Firm	Number/Dates Sold
2/17/93	Kolcraft "Playskool Travel-Lite" Portable Cribs	11,600 units sold between 1990 and 1992
1/1/95	Baby Trend "Home and Roam" and "Baby Express," Portable Cribs/Play Pens manufactured before 1995	100,000 units sold between 1992 and 1994
11/21/96	Draco "All Our Kids" (models 742 and 762) Portable Cribs/Play Yards	13,000 units sold between 1992 and 1995
11/21/96	Century "Fold-N-Go Models 10-710 and 10-810" Portable Play Yards	212,000 units sold between 1993 and 1996
6/25/97	Evenflo "Happy Camper," "Happy Cabana," and "Kiddie Camper" Portable Play Yards	1.2 million units sold between 1990 and 1997