

April 2010: CPSC Product Recalls and Related News Part Two of Two

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Part One of this review of the April 2010 Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) product recall list covered items posing choking and strangulation hazards, as well as products that can cause laceration or fall injuries.

Part Two of our April 2010 review looks at many other products, including those posing fire and flammability risks, as well as several that can cause lead paint poisoning, drowning or other general injuries.

As noted in the introduction to Part One, these monthly government recall lists are designed to protect the public from dangerous products.

Products Posing Fire and Flammability Hazards

 Eastwind Industries Inc., of San Leandro, California, has agreed to recall about 4,600 Kuuma IR Stow and Go Grills that have been marketed exclusively at West Marine Stores. When the propane tanks on these grills leak fuel, they create fire hazards.

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- PBteen, a division of Williams-Sonoma Inc., of San Francisco, California, has agreed to recall close to 3,000 PBteen Ottoman Beds because their mattresses have failed to meet the federal government's "open flame standards for mattresses." This problem can create fire hazards for consumers.
- Agio International Company of Hong Kong is voluntarily recalling 5,800 Patio
 Glow Outdoor Gas Fire Columns since gas can escape from column connections, posing fire hazards to consumers.
- Foria International Inc., of City of Industry, California, has agreed to recall close to 800 Women's Peacoats since they have failed to meet the federal government's flammability standards for clothing.

Products That Can Cause Lead Paint Poisoning

- At the request of both Health Canada and the U. S. Consumer Product Safety
 Commission, Bauer Hockey Inc., of Greenland, New Hampshire, is voluntarily
 recalling their Youth and Junior Hockey Sticks, Shafts and Blades. The paint and
 decals on these products contain excessive levels of lead. (Approximately 67,000
 of these items are being recalled in the U. S. and close to 60,000 in Canada).
- Hammary Furniture Co., of Lenoir, North Carolina, has agreed to voluntarily recall about 7,000 Decorative Wood Chests and Tables since the furniture's surface paint contains excessive levels of lead.

Products Posing Either a Drowning or General Injury Hazard

- Tabata USA Inc. (TUSA), of Long Beach, California, has agreed to recall about 250 TUSA RS-670 Regulators since one of the chamber plugs can loosen from the scuba regulator, creating a high-pressure leak and other problems. Divers can drown as a result of these complications.
- Mares USA, of Boca Raton, Florida, has agreed to recall its Mares Nemo Air Dive Computers due to an O-ring defect (in the high pressure air connector) that can cause a loss of breathing gas, creating a drowning risk for divers. (This recall

involves approximately 600 units in the United States, 140 in Canada and about 15 in Puerto Rico).

 King Long Metal Industrial Company, Ltd., of Trumball, Connecticut, has agreed to recall about 6,800 Six Tier Chrome Shelving Units. If the casters on these units break at the stem, the units can fall, creating injury hazards to consumers.

General CPSC News

The Consumer Product Safety Commission recently <u>voted 5-0</u> to recognize four "firewalled testing laboratories, also known as firewalled conformity assessment bodies." Prior to this vote, the CPSC had formally recognized close to 250 third-party testing laboratories. It's important for the CPSC to continue approving more of these facilities since the newly amended Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA) requires those who make children's products to test them at CPSC-recognized labs.

(Readers interested in reviewing the entire April 2010 CPSC product recall list can do so by visiting the following link: http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prerelapr10.html)

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