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*******CONSUMER ALERT*****CONSUMER ALERT*******

**RECALL ISSUED ON TOY SETS FOR POTENTIAL LEAD
AND LACERATION HAZARDS**

Chicago - Attorney General Lisa Madigan today is alerting consumers to a toy recall announced by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission in cooperation with Toys "R" Us dated March 13, 2007. Three styles of "Elite Operations" brand toy sets were recalled because they contain high levels of lead in the paint and sharp points that may pose a risk of lead poisoning and laceration to children.

The military-style play sets contain light and sound vehicles, action figures and accessories. Approximately 128,700 of the play sets have been voluntarily recalled, although no injuries have been reported. The models included in this recall are: Super Rigs Transport Vehicle (Item # 087286), Command Patrol Center (Item # 920625) and Troop Carrier (Item # 773967). Consumers can find the item number on the back of the packaging above the barcode.

Toys "R" Us stores nationwide and toysrus.com sold these toy sets from January 2006 to early February 2007 at prices of \$15 to \$30.

Based on this recall, Madigan urged parents to take these toys away from children immediately and return the products to the nearest Toys "R" Us store for a full refund.

"We should act quickly to ensure that children do not continue to play with a product that contains high levels of lead and sharp points," Madigan said. "We are monitoring retail stores to ensure that they participate in the effort to alert consumers by posting recall notifications in their stores and on their websites."

Madigan's office will be sending out investigators pursuant to the Illinois Children's Product Safety Act to spot check to see that retailers have posted the recall notice in a prominent location in stores and have removed the products from shelves.

In 2005, the Illinois General Assembly passed new amendments to the Illinois Children's Product Safety Act to help consumers by requiring manufacturers and retail merchants to post recall notices both in their stores and on their Web sites. The recall notification process was further strengthened by requiring manufacturers and retail merchants to alert, by e-mail or mail, Illinois consumers who purchased recalled children's products online. Illinois was the first state to enact such comprehensive child safety notification measures.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, childhood lead poisoning is considered to be the most preventable environmental disease impacting young children. While children are most commonly exposed to lead from lead-based paints in older homes, tainted toys, food, water or other items also can be significant sources of lead exposure for children.

The Illinois Department of Public Health's Web site also provides a direct link to www.recalls.gov, where citizens can find up-to-date recall information about past and current recalls.

Electronic images of the recalled products follow and also are available upon request.

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Following are photographs of the recalled products:

Troop Carrier (Item # 773967).



Command Patrol Center (Item # 920625)



Super Rigs Transport Vehicle (Item # 087286)



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