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RECALL ISSUED ON INFANT SLING CARRIERS FOR POTENTIAL FALL HAZARD

Chicago - Attorney General Lisa Madigan today is alerting consumers to a March 22, 2007 recall of infant sling carriers announced by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission in cooperation with Infantino, LLC. The recall is necessary because infants may fall from these infant sling carriers due to a plastic slide on the fabric strap that can break and cause the strap to fail.

"We should act quickly to inform parents and help them to protect infants from the possibility of a fall and serious injury," Madigan said.

The recall involves the Infantino SlingriderTM carriers with item numbers: 141-210; 151-210; 151-528; and 151-534. The SlingriderTM consists of a fabric carrier with a strap attached that is worn by the user to carry an infant up to 20 pounds. The carriers were sold in black or khaki fabrics. "Infantino" is printed on the plastic slider located on the strap and the item number is printed on a label inside the SlingriderTM.

Products labeled "Made in Thailand" or "New 2007 Design" are <u>not</u> included in the recall.

The SlingriderTM was sold at Target Stores, Babies R Us, BJ's Wholesale Club, Modecraft and other retailers nationwide from July 2006 to February 2007 for approximately \$30.

Based on this recall, Madigan urged parents to stop using these carriers immediately and contact Infantino for instructions on returning the SlingriderTM and receiving a free product replacement. There have been 10 reports of plastic sliders breaking, including eight reports of infant falls. Four of these falls involved impact injuries where the child was taken to the emergency room. One of the children fractured her skull as a result.

Madigan's office is sending out investigators this week 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 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.

Consumers can sign up to receive e-mail notification of recalls as they are issued at www.cpsc.gov. Consumers can select to receive notification from several topics, including: infant or child product recalls, sports or recreation product recalls, outdoor product recalls and household product recalls. Last year 466 products were recalled by the Consumer Product Safety Commission and e-mail notification provides an alternative for consumers to make sure they learn of any recalled products that they may have in their home.

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 are attached.

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U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission recall dated March 22, 2007.

Following are photographs of the recalled products:







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