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EVENFLO DISCOVERY INFANT CAR SEATS RECALLED FOR DESIGN FLAW

Tests Indicate Seat Could Separate From Base in a Collision

Chicago - Attorney General Lisa Madigan today is alerting consumers to a Feb. 1 recall of one million Evenflo Discovery infant car seats. Recent test results show the car seat could separate from its base in high-impact side collisions making them unreliable in protecting children riding in cars.

“Parents and child caregivers need to check their car seats to make sure they do not have one of these recalled Discovery infant car seat models so that they can protect infants from the risks posed by this design flaw,” Attorney General Madigan said. “My office will monitor retail stores to ensure the car seats are off store shelves and that that recall notices are posted in stores and on their Web sites.”

The affected models are: Discovery Infant Car Seat 390, 391, 534 and 552, all of which were manufactured between April 2005 and Jan. 29, 2008.

Evenflo, the car seat’s manufacturer, will provide affected car seat owners with a supplemental dual-hook fastener to ensure that the seat remains attached to the base. Consumers can order the fastener by calling 1-800-356-2229 between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. CST or by visiting www.evenflo.com/discovery.

In 2005, the Illinois General Assembly amended the Illinois Children’s Product Safety Act to require manufacturers and retail merchants to post recall notices both in their stores and on their Web sites. The new law also further strengthened the recall notification process 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.

In 2007, Madigan launched a recall hotline at 1-888-414-7678 to help callers identify recalled products in their homes and to explain how consumers can contact companies to repair or return affected products. Today, Madigan urged consumers to call the hotline if they need help determining whether they own one of the affected car seats.

Madigan also urged all Illinois consumers to sign up for automatic e-mail notification of recalls at www.cpcs.gov.

“Consumers should take every opportunity to ensure they are receiving recall information so that they can repair or remove dangerous products from their homes,” Madigan said.

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