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

MADIGAN: CAREGIVERS SHOULD CHECK OUT OLDER STROLLERS***Graco Quattro™ and MetroLite™ Strollers Recalled Today Due to Risk of Entrapment and Strangulation***

Chicago—Attorney General Lisa Madigan today warned Illinois parents and caregivers about the risks associated with two older stroller models recalled today by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). The recall covers approximately 2million strollers manufactured by Graco Children’s Products Inc., of Atlanta, Ga., due to risk of entrapment and strangulation. CPSC and Graco have received four reports of infant strangulations that occurred in these strollers between 2003 and 2005. In addition, CPSC is aware of five reports of infants becoming entrapped, resulting in cuts and bruises, and one report of an infant having difficulty breathing.

The strollers were manufactured prior to the existence of the January 2008 voluntary industry standard, which addresses the height of the opening between the stroller’s tray and the seat bottom. This voluntary standard requires larger stroller openings that prevent infant entrapment and strangulation hazards.

The recalled Graco Quattro Tour™ strollers and travel systems were manufactured prior to November 2006 and the recalled MetroLite™ strollers and travel systems were manufactured prior to July 2007. They were sold at AAFES, Babies R Us, Burlington Coat Factory, Fred Meyer, Kmart, Meijer, Navy Exchange, Sears, Target, Walmart and other stores nationwide between November 2000 and December 2007 for between \$90 and \$190 for the strollers, and between \$190 and \$250 for travel systems.

Because they are older, it is more likely that those in use today were acquired though the secondhand market or from family or friends, which makes it harder to alert consumers about the strollers’ dangers.

The model numbers are printed on a label at the lower portion of the rear frame, just above the rear wheels or underneath the stroller. The name “Graco” appears on a label on the stroller tray and the headrest.

Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled strollers and contact Graco for a free repair kit. To order a repair kit, contact Graco toll-free at (877) 828-4046 anytime, or visit the firm’s Web site at www.gracobaby.com. Consumers can continue use of the stroller as a “travel system.” When the stroller is used with the infant car seat, the entrapment and strangulation hazards posed by the space gap are not present.

As part of her efforts to protect consumers from unsafe products, Madigan provides Illinois consumers a recall hotline at 1-888-414-7678 to help callers identify recalled products in their homes and explain how to contact companies to repair or return affected products. Attorney General Madigan also publishes the Safe Shopping Guide, a color directory of hundreds of recalled children’s products. Free copies are available by calling the hotline at 1-888-414-7678. Consumers may also download a copy from the Attorney General’s Web site at www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov.

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URGENT ALERT

Are You Using a Graco Quattro or Graco MetroLite Stroller?

If so, you need to be aware of an important safety recall.

**4 infants have died
from strangulation in these strollers.**



WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

1. Check the model number on your stroller. Model numbers are printed on a label just above the rear wheels or underneath the stroller.
2. Determine if your model is part of the recall by doing one of the following:
 - Check the recall notice at www.cpsc.gov.
 - Call Graco at 1-877-828-4046 or check the Graco Web site at www.gracobaby.com.
 - Call the Illinois Attorney General's Product Recall Hotline at 1-888-414-7678 (TTY: 1-800-964-3013). You can call this number with questions or concerns about any product recall.
3. If your stroller is part of the recall, stop using it immediately and call Graco for a free repair kit.

REMEMBER:

Always use the safety harness when your child is in a stroller. **Never** leave a child unattended in a stroller, especially if the stroller's backrest is reclined (in a flat position).