

SAFE SHOPPING GUIDE





A Message from Attorney General Lisa Madigan

Every year, my office issues the Safe Shopping Guide as a resource to help families avoid dangerous toys and children's products during the holiday gift-giving season.

Launched in 2007 in response to widespread recalls of children's products, the *Safe Shopping Guide* was intended to help parents grapple with the estimated 44 million individual units of children's products recalled that year. Every year since, we have issued this easy-to-use guide that includes photographs and descriptions of the products recalled by the Consumer Product Safety Commission, so you can take it with you during your holiday shopping rounds or carefully review your inventory of toys and other children's products already in vour home.

This year, however, we're adding a new feature to the guide that addresses another dangerous element of holiday shopping: identity theft. While the number of children's product recalls has decreased significantly in recent years, data breaches have taken their place in the headlines. If 2007 was the "Year of the Recall" as the media termed it then, 2014 should be known as the "Year of the Data Breach," when some of the country's best-known retailers like Target and Home Depot suffered massive breaches that left our financial information compromised and put us at greater risk of identity theft.

In the last year alone, the number of complaints my office received on data breaches has jumped almost 1,600 percent. Data breaches have become so common that many of us have grown accustomed to hearing about them, and as I often say, it's not necessarily a matter of if your personal information will be compromised but when.

So not only do parents need to be wary of the kinds of toys and items they're buying for their children during the holiday season, they need to be careful about how they're paying for them. With a few simple steps, you can minimize the chances your financial information will be compromised and the potential damage that could result. We break down four simple steps you can take in the special feature in this year's guide.

I urge you to take a few minutes as the holiday shopping season kicks off to read through this guide. Not only will it help you keep your children safe, it will ensure you are doing everything you can to protect your family's financial security as well.

Have a happy—and safe—holiday season!

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Safe Shopping:

4 Simple Steps to Protecting Your Financial Information

The threat of identity theft has never been greater. In the last year alone, complaints to Attorney General Madigan's Consumer Fraud Bureau about data breaches, which are a leading cause of identity theft, jumped nearly 1,600 percent in the wake of massive breaches at major retailers such as Target and Home Depot. In addition to keeping your family safe from dangerous products during the holiday shopping season, it is also important to be vigilant about protecting your financial information when you are purchasing safe holiday gifts. Here are four simple steps you can take to protect your data:

- **Set up transaction alerts** on your accounts to receive notifications when your credit or debit card is used above a certain dollar amount, so if someone uses your card without authorization, you'll receive a text message or email and you can immediately call your card issuer to dispute the charge.
- 2 transactions. Contest any unauthorized charges immediately by contacting your bank using the toll-free number on the back of your credit or debit card. Prompt reporting of unauthorized charges is critical to limit your liability, particularly if you are a debit card user, because your liability depends on how quickly you report a lost or stolen card. For instance, if you report a lost or stolen debit card before any unauthorized transactions occur, you are not responsible for any of the unauthorized charges, but if you make the report within two business days of losing your card, you can be liable for up to \$50 of unauthorized charges. After two days, reporting lost or stolen cards can increase your liability to \$500 and up.
- Review your credit reports for unauthorized accounts. You are entitled to one free credit report from each of the three nationwide credit reporting agencies per year. Go to www.annualcreditreport.com or call 1-877-322-8228 to order your credit reports. Make sure all the information is correct. If not, immediately contact the credit reporting agency to request that the information be explained or corrected.
- Consider putting a security freeze on your credit. A security freeze, also known as a credit freeze, essentially locks down your personal data at the consumer reporting agency until you give permission for the release of the data, which can prevent someone from taking out credit in your name. You can easily have the freeze lifted when you want to allow a company to check your credit if, for instance, you are opening new accounts or purchasing a car or home.

Additional Safe Shopping Resources

Attorney General's Identity Theft Hotline 1-866-999-5630 or 1-877-844-5461 (TTY)

If you have been the victim of identity theft or believe your personal or financial information may have been compromised, please call the toll-free Identity Theft Hotline. Attorney General Lisa Madigan's Identity Theft Unit has helped over 35,000 victims remove over \$26 million in fraudulent charges from their credit.

CPSC Recall Alerts www.recalls.gov

Sign up for safety. Receive automated email notifications of all recalled products from the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

CPSC's Recall Hotline 1-800-638-2772 or 1-301-595-7054 (TTY)

Also consider following safety organizations on Twitter and social media sites to keep up with the latest developments. On Twitter, try: @recalls, @onsafety, @CDCinjury, @fdarecalls and @usdafoodsafety.

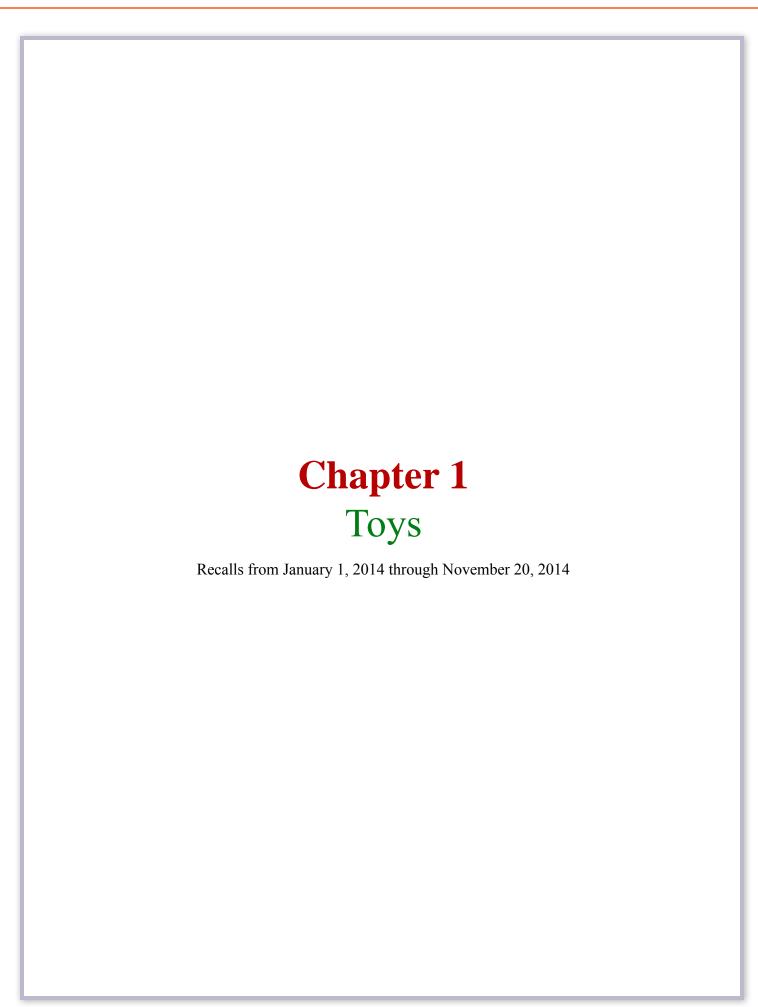
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Meijer Halloween Projector Flashlight Recalled on October 28, 2014

The flashlight can overheat and melt the plastic handle, posing a burn risk to the user. Sold at Meijer stores from September 2014 to October 2014.



Toys "R" Us Toy Toaster Sets Recalled on October 15, 2014

The plastic toast can crack and break into small pieces under pressure, creating sharp edges and posing a choking hazard. Sold exclusively at Toys "R" Us stores nationwide and online at www.toysrus.com from July 2013 through August 2014.





Dynacraft Avigo Youth Bicycles Recalled on July 31, 2014

The front wheel on the bicycle can detach, posing a fall hazard. Sold exclusively at Toys "R" Us stores nationwide and online at www.toysrus.com between September 2013 and June 2014.

Lakeshore Bristle Builders® for Toddlers Recalled on May 22, 2014

The base of the three animal figures can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children. Sold exclusively at Lakeshore retail stores, Lakeshore Learning Materials' Early Childhood catalog and online at www.lakeshorelearning.com from December 2013 to April 2014.







Nantucket Felt Easter Baskets Recalled on May 15, 2014

Decorative beads on the felt Easter baskets can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children. Sold exclusively at Christmas Tree Shops, and That!, and Christmas Tree Shops and That! stores nationwide from February 2013 to March 2014.

My Sweet Love/My Sweet Baby Cuddle Care Baby Doll Recalled on March 25, 2014

The circuit board in the chest of the doll can overheat, causing the surface of the doll to get hot, posing a burn hazard to the consumer. Sold exclusively at Walmart stores nationwide from August 2012 through March 2014.





Minga Fair Trade Imports Wooden Flipping Acrobat Toys Recalled on March 20, 2014

The paint on the wooden flipping acrobat toys contains excessive levels of lead, which is prohibited under federal law. Sold at independent children's stores and gift shops nationwide from September 2008 through May 2013.



Ganz Grumpy Cat Stuffed Animal Toys Recalled on March 19, 2014

The stuffed animals' eyes can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children. Sold at gift, drug and toy stores including hospitals, museums and gift shops nationwide from December 2013 through January 2014.

Vera Bradley Bear Ring Rattles and Bunny Stuffed Toys Recalled on March 19, 2014

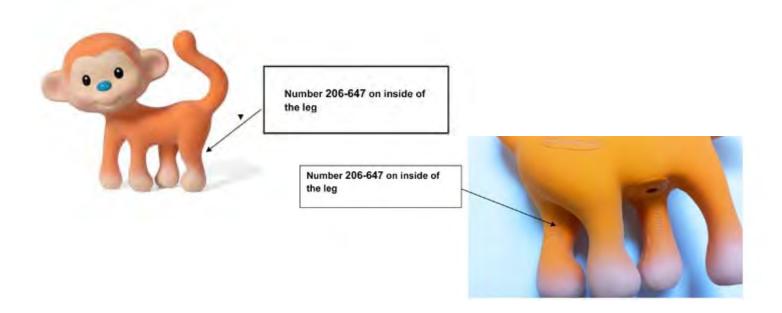
The pom-pom tail can detach from the body of the bear rattle and the bunny, posing a choking hazard to young children. Sold at Vera Bradley retail stores, department stores and specialty gift shops and online at www.verabradley.com and other online stores from September 2012 to January 2014.





Cork Block Stacking Toys Recalled on February 26, 2014

Small pieces of cork can break off the blocks, posing a choking hazard to young children. Sold exclusively online by StorkStack.com during January 2014 as part of the January Stork Stack subscription.



Go Gaga Squeeze & Teethe Coco the Monkey Teething Toys Recalled on February 20, 2014

The tail of the monkey can pose a choking hazard to young children. Sold exclusively at Target stores nationwide and online from December 2012 through January 2014.



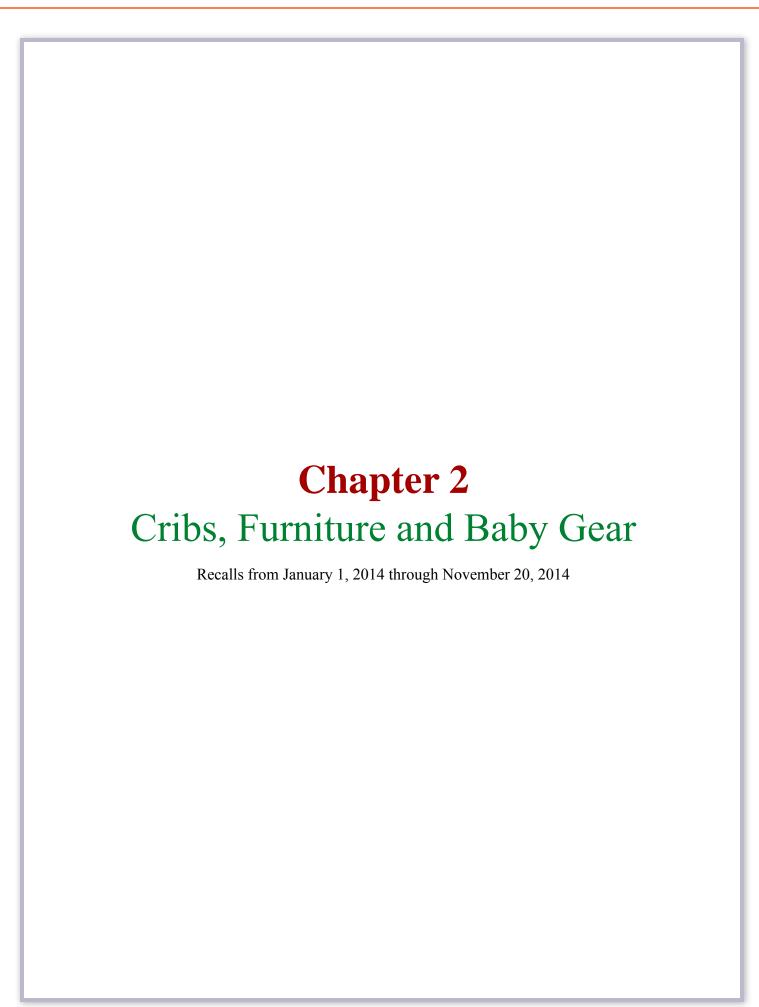
Leatherman® LeapTM Children's Multi-tool Recalled on November 20, 2014

The lock mechanism on the optional knife blade can inadvertently release the blade, posing a laceration hazard. Sold at Bass Pro Shop, Cabela's and retailers nationwide, including knife and sporting goods online stores, from August 2014 through September 2014.



"Hello Kitty® Birthday Lollipop" Whistles Recalled on November 10, 2014

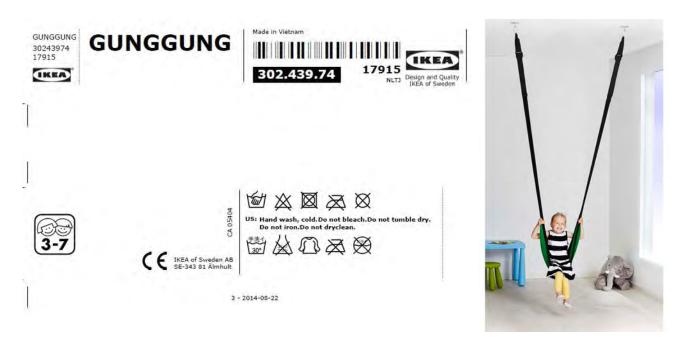
Components inside of the whistle can detach, posing choking and aspiration hazards to young children. Distributed exclusively through McDonald's restaurants nationwide from October 2014 through the first week of November 2014 with Happy Meals and Mighty Kids Meals.





Graco and Century Brand Aspen, Breeze, Capri, Cirrus, Glider, Kite, LiteRider, Sierra, Solara, Sterling and TravelMate Model Strollers and Travel Systems Recalled on November 20, 2014

The folding hinge on the sides of the stroller can pinch a child's finger, posing a laceration or amputation hazard. Sold at Target, Toys "R" Us, Walmart and other retail stores nationwide and online at Amazon.com, Walmart.com and other online retailers from August 2000 through November 2014.



GUNGGUNG Child's Swing Recalled on September 16, 2014

The suspension fittings can break, causing a child to fall from the swing and posing a risk of serious injury. Sold exclusively at IKEA stores nationwide and online at www.ikea-usa.com from June 2014 to August 2014.



Tray Vous Snack and Activity Trays Recalled on September 2, 2014

The opening between the recalled tray and stroller seat bottom allows an unharnessed child's body to pass through but could trap a child's head, posing a strangulation hazard. Sold at Dainty Baby in Brooklyn, N.Y., and other juvenile product stores nationwide and online at daintybaby.com, mystroller.com, pacifieronline.com and trayvous.com from May 2011 through June 2012.



American Woodcrafters Bunk Beds Recalled on August 28, 2014

The bed's side mattress support rails can break, posing a fall hazard. Sold exclusively at Havertys stores nationwide and online at havertys.com from September 2011 through March 2014.



Ace Bayou Bean Bag Chairs Recalled on August 22, 2014

The zippers on the bean bag chairs can be opened by children who can then crawl inside, get trapped and suffocate or choke on the bean bag chair's foam beads. A 13-year-old boy and a 3-year-old girl died after suffocating from lack of air and inhaling the chair's foam beads. Sold at Bergner's, Big Lots, Bon-Ton, Boston Store, Carson's, Elder-Beerman, Herberger's, Meijer, Pamida, School Specialty, Wayfair, Walmart and Younkers stores and online at Amazon.com, Meijer.com, Walmart.com and other websites before July 2013.



Franklin & Ben Mason 4-in-1 Convertible Cribs Recalled on August 19, 2014

The crib front can separate from the side panels, creating a hazardous gap that can allow a child to fall out or become entrapped between the front and side panels. Sold at juvenile product specialty retailers nationwide from January 2012 through June 2014.



BRITA Children's Water Bottles Recalled on August 19, 2014

The lid can break into pieces with sharp points, posing a laceration hazard. Sold at Alaska Housewares, Associated Food Stores, Bartell Drug, C&S Wholesale Grocers, Quidsi, Royal Ahold, Shopko, Target, U.S. Navy Exchange, Walmart, and online at Amazon.com, Drugstore.com and Target.com. Hello Kitty bottles were sold from February 2014 through July 2014. Dora the Explorer, SpongeBob Square Pants and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles bottles were sold from June 2013 through July 2014.





Tommee Tippee® Monitor with Movement Sensor Pad Recalled on July 24, 2014

A child could pull the sensor pad cord into the crib and become entangled around the neck, posing a strangulation hazard. Sold at Toys "R" Us, Babies "R" Us and Amazon.com since September 2011.





Dream On Me Dinah High Chairs Recalled on July 23, 2014

The leg or side opening of the chair can allow a child's body to pass through and either become entrapped at the neck or fall from the chair. This poses a strangulation and fall hazard to young children. Sold exclusively online by Walmart.com and Amazon.com from November 2012 to November 2013.





Oeuf Sparrow Cribs Recalled on July 22, 2014

The slats/spindles and top rail can detach from the cribs, posing an entrapment hazard. Sold at independent juvenile specialty stores nationwide and online, these cribs were manufactured between July 2007 and January 2014.





Brooks Furniture Glider Rockers Recalled on June 18, 2014

The spindles in the glider base can separate while rocking, posing a fall hazard to the user. Sold exclusively through Kaplan Early Learning Co. nationwide from October 2011 to December 2012.



Lea Covington and Hannah Collection Bunk Beds Recalled on June 4, 2014

The bunk bed can be assembled incorrectly, creating a space that exceeds the 1.88 inches allowed by industry standards and posing an entrapment hazard to young children. Sold at Furnitureland South and other furniture stores nationwide and online at Hayneedle.com from September 2011 until March 2014.



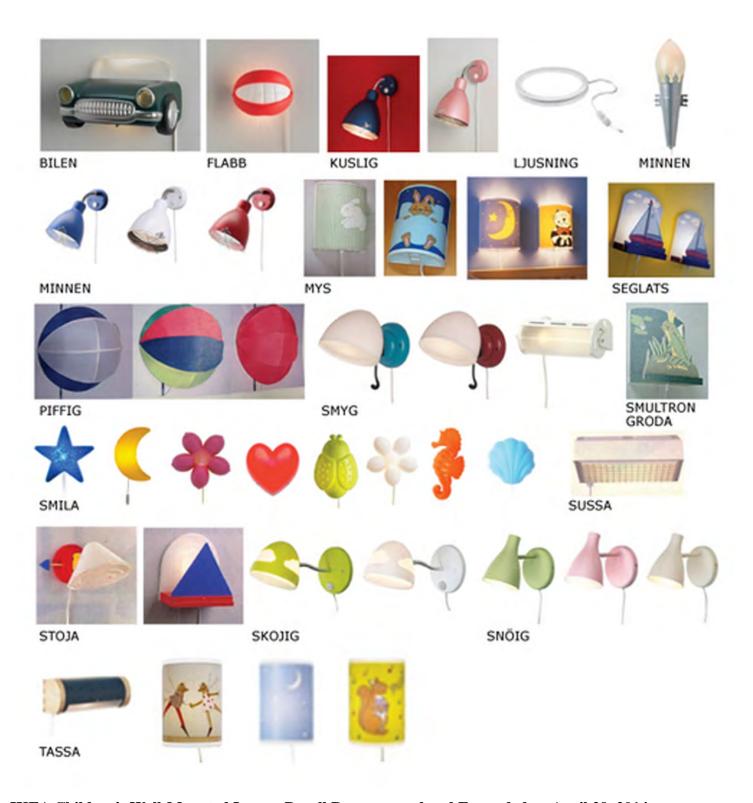
phil&teds Travel System 26 Infant Car Seat Adaptors for Strollers Recalled on June 4, 2014

The plastic adaptors used to connect an infant car seat to a stroller can crack, become unstable and break during use, posing a fall hazard to infants. Sold at baby product and specialty stores nationwide and online at Amazon.com, Babiesrus.com, Diapers.com and philandteds.com from April 2013 through March 2014.



Hamilton Beach Baby Food Makers Recalled on May 28, 2014

Use of the slicing/shredding disc with the motor shaft adapter can cause the stainless steel pin in the food bowl lid to loosen and fall into processed food. Sold at Buy Buy Baby stores nationwide, through specialty distributor Victor Co. Inc. and online at Buybuybaby.com, Hamiltonbeach.com and Walmart.com from September 2013 through February 2014.



IKEA Children's Wall-Mounted Lamps Recall Reannounced and Expanded on April 29, 2014

Children can get entangled in the electrical cord that hangs from the children's wall-mounted lamps, posing a strangulation hazard. Sold exclusively at IKEA stores nationwide, in IKEA's catalog and online at www.ikea-usa.com from May 1984 to April 2014.



Rechargeable Batteries Used in Summer Infant Video Monitors Recall Expanded on April 23, 2014

The battery in the handheld video monitor can overheat and rupture, posing a burn hazard to consumers. Sold at mass merchants, including Babies "R" Us, online retailers and independent juvenile specialty stores from about February 2010 through 2012.



IKEA Children's Bed Canopies Recalled on March 20, 2014

An infant or young child can get entangled at the neck in the canopy's fabric, posing a strangulation hazard. Sold exclusively at IKEA stores nationwide and online at www.ikea-usa.com from August 1996 through March 2014.



Bedz King Bunk Beds with Side Ladder Recalled on March 20, 2014

A protruding corner post on the bunk beds exceeds the 5mm allowed by industry standards, posing an entrapment hazard. Sold exclusively at BunkBedKing.com from July 2011 to October 2013.



BebeLove Baby Walkers Recalled on February 6, 2014

The walkers failed to meet federal safety standards. Specifically, style number 358 can fit through a standard doorway and is not designed to stop at the edge of a step as required by the federal safety standard. In addition, style number 368 contains leg openings that allow a child to slip down until the child's head can become entrapped at the neck. Sold at small retail stores in Arizona, California and Utah and online at Amazon.com and Overstock.com from November 2011 through July 2013.



B-Agile, B-Agile Double and BOB Motion Strollers Recalled on January 30, 2014

The hinge on the stroller's folding mechanism can partially amputate consumers' fingertips, break their fingers or cause severe lacerations, among other injuries, when they press the release button while pulling on the release strap. Sold at major retailers and juvenile product stores nationwide, and online at Amazon.com, albeebaby.com, buybuybaby.com, diapers.com, ToysRUs.com and other online retailers from May 2011 through June 2013.





Fred & Friends Infant Pacifiers Recalled on January 30, 2014

The pacifiers fail to meet federal safety standards. The beard on the Artiste and the knob on the Volume pacifiers can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children. In addition, the ventilation holes on the Volume and Panic pacifier guards are too small. Sold at department stores, gift, drug, toy, baby product, grocery and home decorating stores, and hospital and museum gift shops nationwide and various websites from April 2013 through December 2013.



KRITTER and SNIGLAR Junior Beds Recall Expanded on January 29, 2014

The metal rod connecting the guard rail to the bed frame can break when in use, posing a laceration hazard. Sold exclusively at IKEA stores nationwide and online at www.ikea-usa.com from July 2005 through May 2013.

Playtex Pacifier Holder Clips Recalled on January 22, 2014

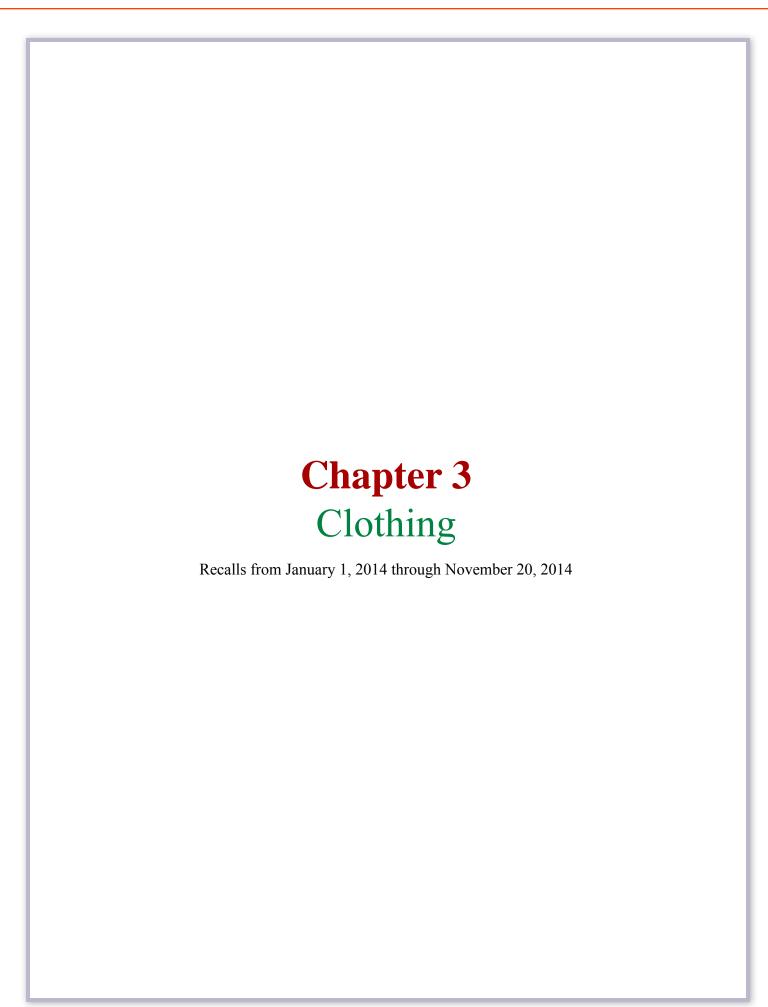
The pacifier holder clips can crack and a small part can break off, posing a choking hazard to small children. Sold at Walmart, other major retailers, juvenile product, baby and discount stores nationwide and online at Amazon.com and other websites from July 2010 through October 2013.





Midwest-CBK Baby Rattles Recalled on January 22, 2014

The head on the rattle can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children. Sold at small gift stores from July 2013 through December 2013.



Toys "R" Us Children's Sandals Recalled on October 2, 2014

The butterfly wings on the children's sandals can rip and detach, posing a choking hazard to young children. Sold at Toys "R" Us and Babies "R" Us stores nationwide and online at toysrus.com and babiesrus.com from February 2014 through September 2014.



Pure Baby Organics Boys' Hoodie Recalled on September 30, 2014

The sweaters have a drawstring around the neck area, posing a strangulation hazard to children. Sold at children's boutiques nationwide and other stores such as Elephant Ears, Pumpkin Heads and Sprouts and online at www.Nordstromrack.com from January 2014 through August 2014.



Active Apparel Boys' Fission Zipper Hooded Sweatshirts Recalled on September 30, 2014

The sweatshirts have drawstrings around the neck area, posing a strangulation hazard to children. Sold at Fred Myer and Kroger stores nationwide from June 2014 through August 2014.



Trimfoot Children's Soft-Soled Sneakers Recalled on September 30, 2014

A small metal eyelet can detach from the inside of the sneaker, posing a choking hazard to infants. Sold exclusively at Macy's stores nationwide from February 2014 to August 2014.



United Colors of Benetton Boys' Jackets Recalled on September 10, 2014

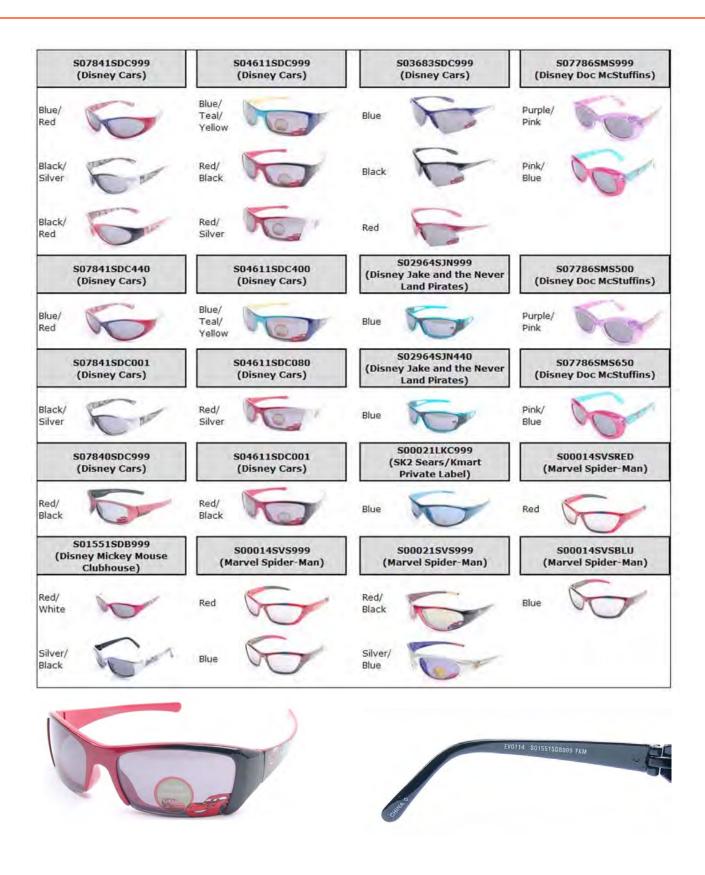
The jackets have a drawstring at the waist that could become snagged or caught in small spaces or vehicle doors, posing a significant entanglement hazard to children. Sold exclusively at Benetton stores nationwide and online at www.benetton.com and www.zappos.com from January 2014 through March 2014.



Livie & Luca's "Carta" and "Cotton" Children's Shoes Recalled on September 4, 2014

A metal thread inside the interior shoe liner can loosen and poke through the shoe lining, posing a laceration hazard to the user. Sold at children's boutiques including Ready Set Grow in Tennessee and ZandyZoos in Texas and online at www.livieandluca.com, www.zappos.com, www.addyscloset.com and www.mylittlejules.com from January 2014 through March 2014.





Children's Sunglasses Recalled on September 4, 2014

Surface paint on the sunglasses contains excessive levels of lead, which is prohibited under federal law. Sold at Bon Ton, CVS, K-mart, Rite-Aid, Walgreens and other retail stores nationwide from December 2013 to March 2014.

Little Marc Jacobs Girls' Hooded Jackets Recalled on August 27, 2014

The jackets have a drawstring around the neck area, posing a strangulation hazard to children. Sold exclusively at Swimwear Anywhere Outlet, children's boutiques and other specialty retail stores nationwide and online at www.swimwearanywhere.com from January 2014 through July 2014.





Fisherman's and Open Stitch Children's Sweaters Recalled on August 7, 2014

A spare button attached to a label located on the inside seam of the sweaters poses a choking hazard. Sold exclusively at L.L. Bean stores nationwide, L.L. Bean's catalog and online at www.llbean.com from July 2013 to June 2014.



Empress Arts Children's Pajamas Recalled on May 27, 2014

The pajamas fail to meet federal flammability standards for children's sleepwear, posing a risk of burn injuries to children. Sold at children's boutiques nationwide and online at www.empressarts.com from December 2012 to April 2014.







H&M Girls' Leggings Recalled on May 15, 2014

A metal part on the belt can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children. Sold exclusively at H&M stores nationwide and online at HM.com from August 2012 to April 2014.



J. Crew Baby Coveralls Recalled on May 1, 2014

Snaps on the coveralls can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children. Sold exclusively at J. Crew stores in New York and California, online at jcrew.com and the J. Crew catalog from October 2013 to March 2014.



Boys' Ripzone Hooligan Hooded Jackets Recalled on May 1, 2014

The jackets have a drawstring around the neck area, posing a strangulation hazard to children. Sold at Sport Chalet stores in Arizona, California, Nevada and Utah from August 2013 to October 2013.



FXR Factory Racing Children's Jackets and Hoodies Recalled on April 29, 2014

Drawstrings can become entangled or caught on playground slides, hand rails, school bus doors or other moving objects, posing a significant strangulation and/or entanglement hazard to children. Sold at U.S. Snowmobile Dealers and on the firm's website at www.fxrracing.com from August 2008 through January 2014.



Runway Global Sugarfly Girls' Coats Recalled on April 24, 2014

The coats have a drawstring tie sewn into the side seam at the waist that could become snagged or caught in small spaces or vehicle doors, posing a significant entanglement hazard to children. Sold at Nordstrom Rack nationwide from October 2010 through November 2010 and online at www.Zulily.com from September 2013 through November 2013.



BedHead Children's Pajamas Recalled on April 10, 2014

The pajamas fail to meet federal flammability standards for children's sleepwear, posing a risk of burn injuries to children. Sold at children's boutiques and online nationwide from January 2011 through February 2014.

J.P. Boden Boys' Pajamas Recalled on April 9, 2014

The pajamas fail to meet the federal flammability standards for children's sleepwear, posing a risk of burn injury to children. Sold exclusively at www.bodenusa.com during January 2014.



Eastman Footwear Coleman Runestone Children's Shoes Recalled on February 20, 2014

The metal rivets surrounding the holes where the shoestring is secured on the shoes can have sharp edges, posing a laceration hazard. Sold at Big 5 Sporting Goods retail stores nationally from January 2013 through December 2013.







U.S. Polo Assn. Girls' Jackets Recalled on February 20, 2014

The jackets have a band of material at the neck that can pose a strangulation hazard to young children. Sold at Burlington Coat Factory, Kids Stop and Cookie's Department Stores from August 2013 to October 2013.





Lion Force Boys' Puffer Coats Recalled on February 4, 2014

The jackets have a drawstring through the hood, posing a strangulation hazard to children. Sold exclusively at Burlington Coat Factory stores nationwide from November 2010 through September 2013.



Runway Global Girls' Sugarfly Hooded Jackets Recalled on February 4, 2014

The jackets have drawstrings in the hood around the neck area, posing a strangulation hazard to young children. Sold exclusively at Burlington Coat Factory stores nationwide and online at Burlington coatfactory.com from September 2011 through September 2013.



Under Armour Infant Sports Jersey Kits Recalled on January 15, 2014

The shoulder snaps on the jersey can detach, posing laceration and choking hazards. Sold at Pegasus Sporting Goods and Upper 90 Soccer + Sport between August 2013 and December 2013.