Baby walkers

Two companies are recalling baby walkers because they can fit through a standard doorway and are not designed to stop at the edge of a step:

• Oriental International Trading Co., of Los Angeles, is recalling 3,500 "Honey" model baby walkers, which are intended for babies 5 months and older. Independent discount stores in Arizona, California, Texas, Illinois, North Carolina and New York sold the walkers from May 2001 through June 2002 for $18 to $22. For refund information, call (866) 666-9868 or visit www.bike-stroller.com.

• Bikepro Inc., of Pico Rivera, Calif., is recalling 50,000 walkers intended for babies ages 6 months or older. Independent discount stores in Arizona, California, Colorado, Texas, Michigan, Missouri and New York sold the walkers from January 2000 through August 2001 for $18 to $22. For refund information, call Bikepro Inc. at (800) 261-2559.

Portable basketball hoops

Huffy Sports Co., of Sussex, Wis., is recalling 70,000 portable basketball systems because a sharp protruding bolt on the player's side of the pole can cause serious leg or body lacerations if players collide with the pole.

Eleven injuries have been reported.

These basketball systems come unassembled with a plastic base that is weighted down by sand or water. The protruding bolt is about 20 inches from the ground.

Sporting good, department and toy stores sold the Huffy portable basketball systems from November 2001 through May 2002 for $100 to $200.

If your basketball system has a protruding bolt, contact Huffy Sports at (800) 558-5234 or www.huffysports.com for free bolt covers.

Stuffed animals, toy sponges

Dollar Tree Stores Inc., of Chesapeake, Va., is recalling 310,000 stuffed polyester pool animals and 280,000 toy sponges. The seams on the pool animals can separate, exposing polyester stuffing and foam beads, and the eyes on the toy sponges can detach. Both can pose a choking hazard.

No injuries have been reported.

Pool animals include crabs, ducks, frogs, octopuses, sea horses, sharks, turtles and whales. Sponge animals include whales, turtles and fish. Dollar Tree, Only One Dollar, Only $1, Dollar Express and Dollar Bills sold both products from May 2001 through September 2002. For refund information, call Dollar Tree Stores at (800) 876-8077.

Caterpillar toys

Brio Corp., of Germantown, Wis., is recalling 1,000 Plan Toys pull-along caterpillars because the antennae can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

No injuries have been reported.

Specialty toy stores, Internet retailers and mail order catalogs sold the caterpillar toys nationwide from January through September for $15. For refund information, call Brio Corp. at (888) 274-6869.

Bobble head figurines

McDonald's Corp., of Oak Brook, Ill., and Bobble Head Dreams USA of Fountain Valley, Calif., are recalling 100,000 bobble head figurines because the paint contains excess levels of lead that may present a poisoning hazard if ingested over time.

No injuries have been reported.

The figurines are designed in the likeness of Chicago Bears' football players Brian Urlacher and Anthony Thomas. The McDonald's logo and the player's name are printed across the front of the base.

McDonald's restaurants sold the figurines in Illinois and Indiana between Aug. 19 and Sept. 12 for $5. Contact McDonald's at (800) 244-6227 or visit www.mcdonalds.com to receive return and refund instructions.

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