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Health Alerts

Stroller, carriage safety improved

New safety standards that take effect in 2015 will make baby strollers and carriages safer for their passengers.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission approved standards that require all strollers and carriages to be made, tested and labeled to reduce problems with hinges. Hinges have caused pinches, cuts, and lost fingers and arms. The safety standards also improve wheels, parking brakes and child restraints and prevent tipping.

The American Academy of Pediatrics supports the changes. Since 2008, 1,300 reports were made regarding injuries to children under age 4 in strollers and carriages, including four deaths, 14 hospitalizations and 391 injuries.