

# THE SAFETY BOX

A newsletter dedicated to keeping our children safe

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### **TOY PRODUCT RECALLS**

PRODUCT/FIRM: Be Amazing! Water-Absorbing

Polymer Balls

**BRAND/MODEL:** This recall involves marble-sized toys that absorb water and grow up to 400 times their original size. They were sold as Monster Science Colossal



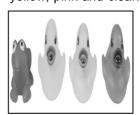
Water Balls (model #7255) and Super Star Science! Colossal Water Balls (model #7704). Monster Science packages contain eight balls and "Growth Powder." Super Star Science! packages contain five balls. The balls were sold in an assortment of blue,

green, orange, purple, red, yellow or clear colors. The "Be Amazing! Toys" star logo, "Ages 8+", the name of the toy, "Colossal Water Balls" and a warning not to use without adult supervision are on the front of each product's packaging. Model numbers are printed on the back of the packaging.

**PROBLEM:** The soft and colorful product can be easily mistaken by a child for candy. When the marble-sized toy is ingested, it can expand inside a child's body and cause intestinal obstructions, resulting in severe discomfort, vomiting, dehydration and could be life threatening. The toys do not show up on an x-ray and require surgery to be removed from the body.

**REMEDY:** Consumers should immediately take this recalled toy away from children and contact Be Amazing! Toys for a refund. Consumers can reach Be Amazing! Toys toll-free at (877) 798-9795, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or online at www.beamazingtoys.com, then click on Safety Recall at the bottom of the page for more information.

**PRODUCT/FIRM:** Toysmith Light-up toy frogs and ducks **BRAND/MODEL:** This recall includes light-up soft plastic toy frogs and ducks. The toys light up when the sensors on the bottom of the product are touched or placed in water. The frog comes in green and the ducks come in yellow, pink and clear. The toys are approximately 2.25



inches in length and 1.5 inches in height. There is a round tag attached to the product with the UPC number 2424 5159.

**PROBLEM:** The metal conductor pin on the bottom of the toys can come out, posing a choking hazard.

**REMEDY:** Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled products, put them away from children and return them to place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers can reach Toysmith at (800) 356-0474 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday or online at www.toysmith.com and click on Safety on the left side of the page for more information.

PRODUCT/FIRM: Holgate Toys Playmat

**BRAND/MODEL:** The Wegmans Playmat Set includes a 24-inch by 30-inch cotton canvas playmat and four toy



wooden vehicles. The toy vehicles include a blue car, a red "Wegmans" delivery van, a green "Wegmans" farm tractor and a yellow "School Bus." The sets were sold in a yellow box measuring about 12-inches by 12-inches with "Wegmans Playmat

Set," an age label circle with "2+" and "Made in the USA" printed on the front of the box. UPC Code 0 7789028735 4 is printed on the back of the box.

**PROBLEM:** The wheels on the wooden vehicles can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

**REMEDY:** Holgate Toys has received one report of the wheels detaching from the body of a vehicle. No injuries have been reported. Consumer can reach Holgate Toys toll-free at (855) 344-7488 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET

Monday through Friday or online at www.holgatetoy.com and click on "Product Recall" for more information.`

**PRODUCT/FIRM:** Build-A-Bear Stuffed Animal **BRAND/MODEL:** Sulley is a furry blue creature from the Monsters movies. The Build-A-Bear stuffed monster is



covered in blue furry fabric with purple spots, horn on its head and has blue eyes measuring about 1 inch in diameter. The stuffed monster is about 17 inches high and 10.5 inches wide. Tracking label ending with 4384 or 4385 for USA and 4378 for Canada can be found on a sewn in label on the backside of the leg of the stuffed monster

**PROBLEM:** The stuffed animal's eye can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

**REMEDY:** Consumers should immediately take the recalled Sulley from children and return it to any Build-A-Bear Workshop store to receive a coupon for any stuffed animal from Build-A-Bear Workshop. Consumers can reach Build-A-Bear toll-free at (866) 236-5683 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, on Saturday between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. CT and on Sunday between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. CT. You may also email the firm at ProductHotline@buildabear.com. Visit the firm's website www.buildabear.com and click on Product Recalls at the bottom of the page for more information.

**PRODUCT/FIRM:** Eco-Novelty Water-absorbing polymer beads

BRAND/MODEL: Cosmo Beads Jumbo Size Colorful Water Balls and Jumbo Multipurpose Colorful Water



Balls toys are being recalled. The toys are water absorbing beads that when placed in water will hydrate up to the size of a racquetball. On the front of the toy packages it states Cosmo Beads TM Colorful Water Balls, Just Add Water, Biodegradable, Non-toxic and Colorfast. The packages have yellow and black color on the upper left corner and red in the lower right corner. The beads can be seen through an oval, cellophane window near the bottom of the package.Cosmo

Beads Jumbo Size were sold as single packets of beads in various colors: clear, green, purple, red and mixed colors. Each packet contains a variety of bead sizes. The front of the Jumbo Size package has a picture of a hand holding two water balls and the words "Grows up to 600X (1.5") Size." Cosmo Beads Jumbo Multipurpose came in three packets per set. Each packet contains beads in one size and comes in clear, dark purple and orange colors. The front of the Jumbo Multipurpose packet has a picture of flowers in a glass vase and the

words "Deco Centerpiece: Toys-Games: Plant-Vacation watering."

**PROBLEM:** The hard and colorful toy can be easily mistaken for candy by a child. When the bead is ingested, it expands and can cause intestinal obstructions inside a child's body, resulting in severe discomfort, vomiting, dehydration and could be life threatening. The toys need surgery to be removed from the body. Similar toys have not shown up on x-rays.

**REMEDY:** Consumers should immediately take this recalled toy away from children and contact Eco-Novelty for a refund. Consumers can reach Eco Novelty Corp. at (231) 222-4200 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or e-mail admin@econoveltycorp.com.

**PRODUCT/FIRM:** Infinitoy Building Toy Playsets

BRAND/MODEL: Infinitoy Inc. is recalling the Super



Safari Set model #30025 and the Deluxe Circus Train Set model #30040. The model number can be found on the back of the box in the lower right corner. The sets come in a white box with "Softimals. Build, Play, Repeat" and "Ages 1 ½ to 5" printed in a colorful font on the front and

back of the package. The sets have numerous plastic pieces that can be connected and fit together to build a vehicle pulling cars with a hippo, giraffe, zebra and other animals. The drivers of the lead vehicles, Safari Sam and Mighty Mike, have removable blue or yellow plastic hats.

**PROBLEM:** The plastic hats found on playset figures pose a choking/aspiration hazard for children.

**REMEDY**: Consumers should immediately remove the plastic hat from Safari Sam and Mighty Mike and contact Infinitoy Inc., to exchange the hat for a free replacement figure. Consumers can reach Infinitoy, Inc. toll-free at (888) 558-0933 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday, or online at www.infinitoy.com , then click on Safety/Recall at the bottom of the page for more information.

**PRODUCT/FIRM**: Baby Einstein Musical Motion Activity Jumpers

**BRAND/MODEL**: This recall includes Baby Einstein Musical Motion Activity Jumpers with model number



90564. The model number can be found on a tag attached to the underside of the seat. These stationary activity centers have a support seat covered in blue fabric attached to a large white metal frame and include a variety of brightly colored toys surrounding the seat. The yellow

sun toy is attached to the seat frame on a flexible stalk with either three or five brightly colored rings. A date code is located in the lower right corner of the sewn in label on the back of the blue seat pad. The following

date codes, indicating a manufacture date prior to November 2011, are included in the recall: OD0, OE0, OF0, OG0, OH0, OI0, OJ0, OK0, OL0, OA1, OB1, OC1, OD1, OE1, OF1, OG1, OH1, OI1, OJ1 and OK1.

**PROBLEM**: The "sun" toy attachment on the activity jumper can rebound with force and injure the infant, posing an impact hazard.

**REMEDY**: Consumers should immediately stop using the product and contact Kids II for a replacement toy attachment. Consumers can reach Kids II toll-free at (877) 325-7056 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or online at www.kidsii.com, then click on the Recall link at the bottom of the page for more information.

#### CHILD PRODUCT RECALLS

**PRODUCT/FIRM:** Thermobaby Aquababy Bath Ring Seats

**BRAND/MODEL:** The recall includes Aquababy Bath Ring seats in pink or blue designed for children five



months to ten months old. The seat is made of white plastic with blue, pink or green trimming and has four suction cups on the bottom. An oval-shaped arm rail runs from the seat back and connects two side posts and the seat front post. There are three spinning toys on the front of the seat rail above the front post. "Thermobaby

Z.I. De Kerbois," "Aquababy" and "Ref. 1953 Made in France" is engraved underneath the bath seat.

**PROBLEM:** The bath seats fail to meet federal safety standards, including the requirement for stability. Specifically, the bath seats can tip over, posing a risk of drowning to babies.

**REMEDY:** Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled bath seats and contact the firm for instruction on returning the bath seat and receiving a \$35 refund.

**PRODUCT/FIRM:** Infants' First Impressions Varsity Jackets

BRAND/MODEL: This recall involves infants' snap-up



jackets with hoods. The hooded jackets come in navy blue with green and turquoise trim, or gray with yellow sleeves and navy and yellow trim. Style number 1300 is found on the label sewn into the side seam and the UPC code is found on the product hangtag.

**PROBLEM:** The snaps on the jackets can come off, posing a choking hazard.

**REMEDY:** Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled products and return them to the place of purchase for a refund of the purchase price. Consumers

who purchased the product from www.macys.com should return the recalled products to their nearest Macy's store or use the return shipping label enclosed with their original mail order.

**PRODUCT/FIRM:** Rockland furniture round cribs **BRAND/MODEL:** This recall involves Rockland Furniture round cribs with model number 343-8314. The



model number is printed on a label located on the inner-lower portion of the crib rail. The cribs are 44 ½ inches in diameter and were sold in white, ebony and cherry finishes.

PROBLEM: The cribs' drop-side rails can malfunction, detach or otherwise fail. When this happens, the drop-side rail can fall out of position and

create a space where an infant or toddler can become wedged or entrapped, posing a risk of strangulation or suffocation. A child can also fall out of the crib. In addition, drop-side related incidents can also occur due to incorrect assembly and with age-related wear and tear.

**REMEDY:** Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled cribs and contact Rockland Furniture for a free repair kit that will immobilize the drop-side rail. Until the crib is repaired, consumers should find an alternate, safe sleep environment for the child such as a bassinet, play yard or toddler bed, depending on the child's age. Contact Rockland Furniture toll-free at (877) 967-5770 anvtime. visit the firm's website www.rocklandimmobilizationkit.com. then on "Round Crib Recall" for more information.

**PRODUCT/FIRM:** Autumn Run Girls Gemma II Boots **BRAND/MODEL:** This recall involves Autumn Run brand girls Gemma II style boots with SKU number



0529-02613-1050. The SKU number can be found on a tag which is located inside the shoe, on the inner side of the collar. The brown roper style boots were sold in girls sizes 5 to 11. A paisley-print fabric sash and a leather beaded strap are tied around the boot.

PROBLEM: An exposed staple in the sole of the boot presents a laceration

staple in the sole of the boot presents a laceration hazard to the consumer. **REMEDY:** Consumers should immediately take the recalled boots from children and inspect the boots for

recalled boots from children and inspect the boots for exposed staples. Instructions for inspecting the boots can be found online at www.renimp.com. Boots that are stamped "INSPECTED" on the reverse side of the inside label have been inspected for staples and are not included in this recall. Consumers can return recalled boots to any Academy Sports + Outdoors store for a full

refund. Consumer can reach Renaissance Imports toll-free at (877) 632-2021 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or online at www.renimp.com and click on "Product Recall Info" for more information.

**PRODUCT/FIRM:** Leisure Ways Brands Kids Outdoor Furniture

**BRAND/MODEL:** This recall involves red ladybugthemed kids' metal-framed outdoor furniture sold under



the Leisure Ways brand. The recalled items have large ladybug images on the fabric and include a camp chair, folding chair, moon chair, double-seat swing chair and patio set that includes two chairs, a table and an umbrella. A tracking label sewn into the seat of each

chair includes the production date "December/2012" and the words, "Distributed by: Far East Brokers and Consultants, Inc."

**PROBLEM:** The red surface paint on the furniture contains excessive levels of lead, a violation of the federal lead paint standard.

**REMEDY:** Consumers should immediately take the recalled outdoor furniture away from children and return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers can reach Far East Brokers and Consultants Inc. toll-free at (888) 753-9040 anytime or online at www.fareastbrokers.com and click on "Safety Recall" at the left of the page for more information.

**PRODUCT/FIRM:** JP Boden Boys' and Girls' sandals **BRAND/MODEL:** This recall involved JP Boden boys' and girls' sandals with cork soles Continental sizes 24



through 37 (children's USA sizes 8 through 5). The boys' sandals are brown leather with large buckles and a camouflage print on the inside sole of the shoe. The girls' sandals are blue, green or pink suede with a suede ruffle. "Mini Boden" and the sandal size are printed on the inside sole of the shoe.

PROBLEM: The cork sole can

detach from the sandal and cause a child to trip and fall. REMEDY: Consumers should take the sandals away from children immediately and contact JP Boden to receive a postage paid label to return the shoes and receive a full refund. JP Boden is contacting purchasers of the sandals directly. Consumers can reach JP Boden toll-free at (866) 206-9508 from 8 a.m. to 12 a.m. ET Monday through Friday or online at www.bodenusa.com and click on Product Recalls for more information.

**PRODUCT/FIRM:** IKEA Kritter and Sniglar Junior Beds **BRAND/MODEL:** These recalled IKEA junior beds include the KRITTER and SNIGLAR models with a guard rail on one side. The pine wood KRITTER beds have animal cut-outs, such as a dog and cat on the



headboard and a date stamp of 1114 to 1322 representing the year and week of production (YYWW). The SNIGLAR natural beech wood beds

have a white painted fiberboard insert on the headboard and footboard of the bed and a date stamp of 1114 to 1318. The beds measure about 65 inches long by 30 inches wide with a 22 to 26 inch high headboard. The date stamp appears on a label attached to either the headboard or the underside of the bed. Model numbers included in the recall are 600.904.70 for the KRITTER and 500.871.66 for the SNIGLAR, supplier number 15361 (KRITTER) and 19740 or 18157 (SNIGLAR) printed on the same label as the date stamp.

**PROBLEM:** The metal rod connecting the guard rail to the bed frame can break in use, posing a laceration hazard.

**REMEDY:** Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled KRITTER and SNIGLAR junior beds and contact IKEA to receive a free repair kit. Consumers can reach IKEA toll-free at (888) 966-4532 anytime or online at www.ikea-usa.com and click on the recall link on the top of the page for more information.

**PRODUCT/FIRM:** Apple Park Children's two piece loungewear sets

**BRAND/MODEL:** This recall involves Apple Park children's 96% viscose and 4% spandex two-piece sets from the Apple Park Bamboo Loungewear Collection.



They were sold in children's sizes 6 months through size 4. The sets consist of a long-sleeve shirt paired with matching full-length pants with elastic waistband. The collar, ankles and wristbands are solid-colored. The sets come in five animal character prints: pink "bunny," blue "cubby,"

white/green "ducky," violet "lamby" and green "monkey." "GPU CO815" is printed on sewn labels at the pants waistline and along the shirt's bottom right side seam.

**PROBLEM:** The loungewear garments fail to meet children's sleepwear federal flammability standards which require sleepwear, including loungewear, to be either snug-fitting or flame resistant, posing a risk of burn injuries to children.

**REMEDY:** Consumers should immediately stop using the pajamas and contact Apple Park for a full refund. Consumers can reach Apple Park toll-free at (866) 708-4695 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or online at www.applepark.com.



PRODUCT/FIRM: K
Children's
Pajamas and
Nightgowns

BRAND/MOD EL: This recall



involves Klever Kids children's 100% Pima cotton pajama sets and nightgowns sold in boys and girls sizes 2 through 8. The pajama sets include two-piece longsleeve shirt and pant sets with an elastic waistband and two-piece short-sleeve shirt and short sets with an elastic waistband. The sets were sold in multiple prints including shark print, ballerinas, black and blue skeletons, flowers, pink with white polka dot pattern, a two-toned set with navy and blue striped monster print, and paisley print with green fabric on the edge. The nightgowns are short-sleeved with a gathered shoulder hem. The nightgowns were sold in multiple prints including ballerinas, pink with white polka dots, flowers and paisleys. All the garments have a printed label at the neck that reads "KleverKids live {Heart} laugh {Heart} love." Some of the pajamas sets are labeled as "flame resistant sleepwear" by a sewn-in garment label along the shirt's bottom right side seam.

**PROBLEM:** The pajamas fail to meet federal flammability standards for children's sleepwear, posing a risk of burn injuries to children.

**REMEDY:** Consumers should immediately take the recalled pajamas away from children, stop using them and return to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers can reach Klever Kids toll-free at (855) 553-8375 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or online at www.shopkleverkids.com and click on the Product Recall link on the bottom of the page for more information

**PRODUCT/FIRM:** Halo SleepSack Wearable Blankets **BRAND/MODEL:** The recalled HALO SleepSack wearable blankets are 100% white cotton with pink-



edged ruffles and a pink satin rose embellishment on the front. These sack-shaped wearable blankets have cut-outs for the baby's arms, a zipper down the center, a sewn bottom and were sold in small and medium sizes. Only SleepSack products with GPU numbers 2701, 2781, 2886, 2887, 3007, 3035 and

3142 printed on a neck label under the primary neck label are included in the recall.

**PROBLEM:** Petals from the floral embellishment on the blankets can detach, posing a choking hazard to infants.

**REMEDY:** Consumers should immediately stop using the wearable blankets and contact HALO Innovations for a pre-paid envelope containing instructions to remove and return the flower and order a free replacement product. Consumer can reach Halo Innovations toll-free at (866) 819-8118 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, e-mail at halorecall@nrmsinc.com or online at www.halosleep.com and click on the product recall link on the homepage for more information.

**PRODUCT/FIRM:** Baby Jogger Car Seat Adaptor **BRAND/MODEL:** The car seat adaptors come in three models and are used to secure a variety of infant car seats onto Baby Jogger strollers. The "Single" model fits

all single strollers, the "Double" works only on double strollers and the "Select/Versa" fits Select and Versa strollers. The car seat adaptors consist of two U-shaped, black, aluminum support bars and two black plastic adaptors that allow the support bars to attach onto the stroller. Black nylon straps secure the car seat to the adaptor on the stroller. The black support bars are labeled A and B. The A support bar is the larger of the two U-shaped bars and has a red plastic tip with 10 holes. Newer models have only four holes and are not being recalled. The model number is located on the lower right hand corner of the original package and the manufacturing date can be found on a sticker on the bottom of the package.

**PROBLEM:** The car seat adaptor support bars can fail, posing a fall hazard to children.

**REMEDY:** Consumers should immediately stop using their car seat adaptor and contact Baby Jogger for free replacement support bars. Consumers can reach Baby Jogger® toll-free at (877) 506-2213 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or online at www.babyjogger.com and click on Recall Information tab at the bottom of the page for more information, or email recall@babyjogger.com.

**PRODUCT/FIRM:** Hachette Children's Books **BRAND/MODEL:** The board-shaped children's books



have cut out covers that serve as a handle and include an embedded bar in the handle with beads for children to play with. "Ages 3+" is printed on the back covers and the ISBN numbers are also on the back covers near the bar code. Two titles are included:

Count my Kisses, 1, 2, 3, ISBN: 978-0-316-13354-8, has five colored cylindrical wooden beads

with printed hearts on the rod; and,

Red, Green, Blue, I Love You, ISBN: 978-0-316-13353-1, has five colored circular wooden beads on the metal rod.

**PROBLEM:** A metal rod holding small beads on the cover of books can detach and release small parts that present a choking hazard. A detached metal bar can expose a sharp edge posing a laceration hazard.

**REMEDY:** Consumers should immediately take the recalled books away from children and return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers can reach Hachette Book Group at (888) 965-5802 from 8 a.m.to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or online at www.hachettebookrecall.com

<u>www.hachettebookgroup.com</u> and click on the link in the Recall/Important Safety Notice box on the home page for more

**PRODUCT/FIRM**: The Children's Place Footed Pajamas

**BRAND/MODEL:** This recall involves three styles of The Children's Place bunny-themed one-piece cotton footed



pajamas. One style is pink with dark pink bunnies and a ruffle at the neck. It was sold in size 9-12 months. This style has a sewn-in label at the side seam with both 2158 and one or more of the following numbers: 042521, 042523, 042571, 042572, 042774 or 042816. The other two styles are both blue/green with bunnies on the feet and bunny print fabric. They were sold in sizes 9-12 months, 12-18 months, 18-24 months, 2T and 3T. One style

has bunnies with eyeglasses. The other has bunnies and yellow chicks. Both styles have a sewn-in label at the side seam with both 2598 and one or more of the following numbers: 030647, 030779, 038826, 670409, 670602, 670603 or 945210. "Made with love by PLACE" with a heart outline is printed at the neck of the pajamas. **PROBLEM:** The footed pajamas fail to meet the federal flammability standard for children's sleepwear, posing a burn hazard to children. The garments are being recalled because they do not meet the tight-fitting sizing requirements. Consumers can reach The Children's Place toll-free at (877) 752-2387 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or online at www.childrensplace.com and click on Customer Service for more information.

**REMEDY:** Consumers should immediately take the recalled pajamas away from children and return them to any The Children's Place store for a full refund.

**PRODUCT/FIRM:** Toys R Us Journey Girl Travel Trunk **BRAND/MODEL:** This recall involves the Journey Girl Travel Trunks used to carry 18-inch-tall toy dolls. The



21-inch tall curved top trunks are purple with a blue pattern and a blue metal handle. The trunks were sold with three clothes hangers and two pull out drawers for storage. Travel trunks included in the recall have UPC # 4897027965070 and model number 5F5F79E. The model number is printed

on the bottom of the travel trunk next to the UPC code. **PROBLEM:** The blue metal handle on the trunk can be sharp, presenting a laceration hazard to the user.

**REMEDY:** Consumers should immediately stop using the travel trunk, put it out of reach of children and return it to a Toys R Us store for a full refund or store credit. Consumers can reach Toys R Us at (800) 869-7787 from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. ET Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. ET on Sunday or online at www.toysrus.com, then click on About Us, then select "Safety" at the top of the page, and then "Click here" under Product Recalls.

**PRODUCT/FIRM:** Trail Crest Children's Hooded Sweatshirts

BRAND/MODEL: This recall involves Trail Crest brand



boys and girls hooded sweatshirts sold in sizes x-small, small and medium. They have a camouflage pattern on shoulders and arms, with drawstrings in the hood and zippers at the neck. come in birch Thev camouflage, pink and camouflage, and purple and camouflage. There is a tag sewn on the outside of the jacket left sleeve with style number 29121.

There is an additional Trail Crest tag in the neckline **PROBLEM:** The hoodies and jackets have drawstrings through the hood or neck which pose a strangulation hazard to young children. In February 1996, CPSC issued guidelines about drawstrings in children's upper outerwear. In 1997, those guidelines were incorporated into a voluntary standard. Then, in July 2011, based on the guidelines and voluntary standard, CPSC issued a federal regulation. CPSC's actions demonstrate a commitment to help prevent children from strangling or getting entangled on neck and waist drawstrings in upper outerwear, such as jackets and sweatshirts.

**REMEDY:** Consumers should immediately take the garments away from children. Consumers can remove the drawstrings to eliminate the hazard or return the garments to Trail Crest for a full refund. Contact Trail Crest for a return address label and instructions for returning the garment. Consumer can reach Trail Crest at (800) 965-6550 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday. Consumers can also email the firm at sales@trailcrest.net.

## **QUESTIONS?**

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For information on the new crib safety standards, please visit www.cpsc.gov.

To join the Safety Box Mailing List, contact the Department of Social Services (DSS) at (225) 342-9905.

**Note:** The daycare facility must be registered with DSS to join the Safety Box Mailing List.

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