



PRODUCT RECALLS

Safe Kids is committed to keeping you informed about recalls of products that can put kids at risk. This recall report includes 30,000 pairs of Cat & Jack Star Studed jeans that pose a laceration hazard, 104,000 Gem 65 multicookers that pose a fire hazard and 500,000 tubes of Maximum Strength Bacitracin Plus Ointment (with Lidocaine) in packaging that does not meet federal child-resistance standards. The Safe Kids' recall center is a unique place where parents and caregivers can go to stay up-to-date on recalls of all child-related products.

Updates to the Food Recalls

Three recalls of food products more likely to be on a kids' menu can be found on the right-hand side. Here are links for all food/drug recall information announced by the [Food and Drug Administration](#) and the [USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service](#).

We also bring you consumer news and concerns about children's products and safety issues. Here are our headlines:

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Top Recall

[March 7, 2018 CPSC](#): First Aid Research recalls Maximum Strength Bacitracin Plus Ointment with Lidocaine because the packaging is



1 [Brother's Choice Ground Beef and Pork Patties](#)

Possible E. coli contamination

2 [Heinen's Potato Gnocchi](#)

Undeclared milk

3 [Gold Kist Farms Breaded Chicken Patties](#)

Possible presence of rubber pieces

For more information on food safety, visit:

- [Food and Drug Administration](#)
- [Food Safety and Inspection Service](#)



1 [Fire Extinguishers](#)

Kidde: 40.5 million

2 ["Step-It" Activity Wristbands](#)

not child resistant as required by federal law, posing a poisoning hazard to young children. Units: 500,000.

McDonald's: 33 million

[March 1, 2018 CPSC](#); Graco recalls its Table2Table 6-in-1 Highchairs because the highchair's rear legs can pivot out of position making the chair unstable, posing a fall hazard to a child in the highchair. Units: 36,000 (an additional 3,200 were sold in Canada).

3 [Chests and dressers](#)
IKEA: 17.3 million

4 [Storage Furniture](#)
Lane Home Furniture:
12 million

Recalls

[March 8, 2018 CPSC](#); BDA LLC. recalls Golden State Warriors Menorahs given out for Jewish Heritage Night at an NBA game on December 17, 2017 because the glue that holds the menorah's candleholders can melt causing the candleholders and the lit candles to fall off, posing fire and burn hazards. Units: 1,800.

5 [Coffee Makers](#)
Keurig: 7.2 million

[March 7, 2018 CPSC](#); Husqvarna recalls its FS 450 closed course competition motorcycles because the front brake master piston cylinder can crack, resulting in brake failure, posing a crash hazard to the user. Units: 160.

6 [Macaroni & Cheese](#)
Kraft: 6.5 million

[March 7, 2018 CPSC](#); Topson Downs recalls Cat & Jack Girls' Star Studded Skinny Jeans sold exclusively at Target because the metal stars can detach, posing a laceration hazard. Units: 30,000.

7 [Notebook Power Cord.](#)
HP: 6 million

[March 6, 2018 CPSC](#); Woodstream Recalls Mosquito Magnet Traps because the traps can become damaged if cleaned while powered on with the company's Quick Clear Cartridge kits and can propel broken pieces of the regulator, posing an injury hazard to consumers. Units: 28,000.

[March 1, 2018 CPSC](#); Double Insight recalls its Gem 65 8-in-1 model multicookers sold exclusively at Walmart because the multicooker can overheat and melt on the underside, posing a fire hazard. Units: 104,000.

[February 28, 2018 CPSC](#); PL Sleep recalls its 100 percent polyester gray and white snowflake print sleeves and faux sherpa fleece body children's nightgowns because they fail to meet the federal flammability standards for children's sleepwear, posing a risk of burn injuries to children. Units: 1,100 (an additional 380 were sold in Canada).

[February 26, 2018 CPSC](#); Allen Sports recalls its UltraX and Ultra1 Folding Bicycles because the bike's frame can break during use causing the bicycle to collapse, posing a fall hazard to consumers. Units: 150.

[February 22, 2018 CPSC](#); Monster Moto recalls its 255cc off-road mini bikes because the fuel tank venting system can leak, posing a fire hazard. Units: 1,800.

[February 22, 2018 CPSC](#); Yamaha recalls its golf cars and personal transportation vehicles because the brake cables on the golf cars and PTVs can fail, posing a crash hazard. Units: 161,000.

[February 21, 2018 CPSC](#); Home Depot recalls Hampton Bay and Cross Ridge Outdoor Gas Fire Pit Table Patio Heaters because the bowl base of the fire pits lacks a heat shield to protect consumers from burns while turning off the propane tank after use, posing a burn hazard. Units: 58,000.

[February 21, 2018 CPSC](#); Cost Plus World Market recalls its bleeding drip taper candles because the candles' high flame can ignite the surface of the wax, posing fire and burn hazards. Units: 8,400.

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News

[Michaels Stores Inc. Agrees To \\$1.5M Settlement for Delays in Reporting 200,000 Defective Vases](#)

The craft retailer Michaels Stores has agreed to pay \$1.5 million to settle a lawsuit alleging the company failed to report known product safety hazards relating to more than 200,000 vases. The vases were manufactured with thin and easily breakable glass, leading to multiple incidences of them breaking during normal use. The company received reports of at least five injuries due to this hazard, but failed to report it for several years. As part of the settlement of this case, Michaels must create a compliance program for future reporting, in addition to paying the civil damages.

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[CPSC Signs Consumer Safety Cooperation Agreement with North American Counterparts](#)

Last week, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), the Department of Health of Canada (Health Canada) and Consumer Protection Federal Agency of the United Mexican States (PROFECO) signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to formalize cooperation between the agencies. The agreement was signed and unveiled at the International Consumer Product Health and Safety Organization's annual meeting in Orlando, Florida. The MOU will streamline technical exchanges, sharing of best practices, and the process of aligning standards among the participants. According to CPSC acting chairman Anne Marie Buerkle, the MOU comes on the heels of enhanced cross-border cooperation following North American Product Safety Summits in 2011, 2013 and 2015. Given that Canada and Mexico make up 88 percent of U.S. consumer product imports from the western hemisphere, this agreement marks a step forward in ensuring the safety of products entering the country.

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[Cleveland Pilots New Infrared Pedestrian Safety Technology in City Buses](#)

The Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA) is working with transportation research group Battelle on a project to pilot a new technology system that will warn city buses of pedestrians and vehicles entering their lanes and crossing at intersections. This system, which consists of a series of infrared cameras and radio equipment, is designed to provide bus drivers with advanced warnings and a better sense of surroundings they can't see directly in real time. Funding for the project was provided by a grant program run by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) which seeks to identify new technologies to improve urban transit that can be used across the country.

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[National Consumer Protection Week was March 4-10](#)

March 4 through 10 was National Consumer Protection Week, and to help celebrate the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) promoted awareness around different risks each day. Monday was Infant Safety Day, with an emphasis on safe sleep practices. For safe sleep tips and more information, check out the CPSC's [Crib Information Center](#). Tuesday centered around fire safety, a risk that leads to roughly 2,200 deaths each year. One of the most important things you can do to protect yourself from fire is to ensure you have working smoke and CO alarms in every floor of your residence. You

can learn more at the CPSC's [Fire Safety Information Center](#). Wednesday was dedicated to *Pool Safely*, CPSC's program to prevent childhood drowning in pools. Visit the [Pool Safely website](#) for safety tips and more. Thursday focused on [Anchor-It](#) and the danger of furniture tip-overs, which can be prevented by anchoring furniture and TVs to walls. Friday was dedicated to recalls and the important role they play in keeping hazardous products away from families. You can check out the [CPSC recall page](#) for up to date information on all product recalls, all year round. With the help of these resources and the [safekids.org](#) website, parents can make every week Consumer Protection Week.

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[Virginia Rear-Facing CPS Bill Passes Senate & Awaits Governor Ralph Northam's Signature](#)

Virginia is poised to become the 10th state to adopt a law requiring kids to be rear-facing in a car seat up to age 2 or based on the car seat manufacturer's recommended height or weight limits. As we go to press Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn's bill, [HB 708](#), was moving on to newly-elected Governor Ralph Northam's desk for his signature. Safe Kids Virginia worked hard for the bill as did the lobbying team of Children's National Health System (special shout out to Mr. Carter Batey). The bill adopts a 2011 best practice from the American Academy of Pediatrics.

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Consumer Safety Glossary

- [Anaphylaxis](#): A severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction which can be prompted by a number of allergens, including bee stings or eating nuts. An anaphylactic reaction can be treated with a shot of epinephrine (adrenaline), but a person suffering such a reaction should also be taken to an Emergency Room immediately.
- [Button Batteries](#): These are tiny batteries which power things like remote controls, thermometers, games, toys, hearing aids, calculators, bathroom scales, musical greeting cards, key fobs, electronic jewelry, holiday ornaments, cameras, and candles. When swallowed they can have dangerous consequences for a small child.
- [Listeria Monocytogenes](#): A bacteria which can be found in certain foods and can cause an infection to which women, newborns, older adults and people with weakened immune systems are especially vulnerable.
- [Lithium batteries](#): These are high-powered, longer lasting power sources that have caused fires in a number of products ranging from smartphones to hoverboards. If a product is manufactured according to proper standards, these batteries are typically considered safe.
- [Phthalates](#): Chemicals often used in the production of many types of plastics, usually to make them softer and/or more pliable. Many forms have been banned by federal law and the CPSC.
- [Salmonella](#): A bacteria that can cause people to have serious bouts of diarrhea, fever, and abdominal cramps between 12 and 72 hours after infection. Most vulnerable are infants, older adults and those with compromised immune systems.

- [Talaromyces penicillium](#) An opportunistic thermal dimorphic fungus that can cause allergic reactions and irritate the eyes, skin, nose, throat and lungs. It can also be injurious to people with challenged immunity systems.

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This service collects recalls from the [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#), [Consumer Product Safety Commission](#), [Food and Drug Administration](#) and [Food Safety and Inspection Service](#). Parents Central at [NHTSA's safercar.gov](#) is another go-to resource on car seats. Safe Kids has developed an on-line tool to help parents in choosing and correctly using car seats, the Ultimate Car Seat Guide [in English](#) and [in Spanish](#).

A few more reminders:

- [Register all new car seats and booster seats.](#)
- Be careful about using hand-me-downs or buying children's products at a secondhand shop or yard sale.
- It violates federal law to sell recalled products. If you know of an unsafe product, you can [report it to the CPSC](#).
- Learn more and follow us on Twitter: [@SKWAdvocate](#) .

Federal Agencies

CPSC - [Consumer Product Safety Commission](#)

FDA – [Food and Drug Administration](#)

NHTSA – [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#)

More Recalls

[Sign up](#) to receive electronic recall notices for all consumer products from the CPSC.

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