

Waukesha County Child Care Newsletter

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Thank You For Caring!



COUNCIL URGES PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST THIS LEADING CAUSE OF HOME-RELATED DEATHS



According to the national nonprofit, Home Safety Council, accidental poisoning is the second leading cause of home injury death in the United States. Yet, a new survey by the Council found that only one percent of U.S. adults ranked poisoning at the

top of the list when asked to identify their leading home safety concern, proving the need for aggressive home poisoning prevention education. The nationwide Safe Haven survey was commissioned by the Home Safety Council to gauge the public's perceptions and actions related to the top home injury dangers. Poison-related findings also show that less than one-fifth (18 percent) of U.S. adults have put safety locks on cabinets or have posted the Poison Control Help number near phones – two of the key actions recommended by the Home Safety Council to reduce the risk and severity of poisoning injuries.

"Perhaps the most important finding from the Safe Haven research is that parents and other caregivers aren't doing nearly enough to protect themselves and their families from serious home poison dangers," said Dr. Angela Mickalide, Director of Education and Outreach for the Home Safety Council. "Poison Prevention Month is a helpful reminder for all of us to take action against this major health problem."

The most critical actions the Home Safety Council recommends taking now are to: read product labels and lock away those with the words 'Caution,' 'Warning,' or 'Danger' on the label; keep dangerous products away from food and drinks; properly use and maintain fueled appliances; install a Carbon Monoxide alarm near sleeping areas; and put the Poison Control Help number (1-800-222-1222) and other emergency numbers next to every phone and store them in cell phones directories.

Poison Prevention for All Ages

With their naturally curious behavior and tendency to put anything within reach in their mouths, young children are at greatest risk for poisoning exposure at home. In fact, children under age five experience the highest rate of nonfatal poison exposures at home compared to any other age group. However, home-related poisoning incidents occur across all age groups, making active prevention essential for all. Unintentional poisoning deaths may result from taking too many types of prescription drugs at the same time and/or in too high of a dose. Following the Home Safety Council's poisoning prevention advice is a way for everyone to stay safer from poisonous and toxic products, chemicals and gases – regardless of age.

Prevent Poisonings in Each Room of the Home

Poisons may be found in any room of the home, but are most commonly located under the kitchen sink, in the bathroom and in storage areas including the garage, basement and laundry room. The Home Safety Council recommends that adults conduct a home walk-through, looking in every room and paying careful attention to the rooms where harmful products are most commonly stored.

Think Safe Be Safe: Poison Prevention Tips:

Kitchen

- For homes where young children live or visit: put child safety locks on cabinets to safely store chemicals, cleaners, medicines, cosmetics and other toxic and/or caustic products.
- When using harsh products follow safety recommendations on the label, such as wearing gloves and masks. Do not mix products together because their contents could react together with dangerous results.
- Store all dangerous products away from food and drinks. Be especially aware of products with fruit shown on the labels, which could be confused as being edible.
- Post the Poison Control Help number (1-800-222-1222) and other emergency numbers near every phone and store them to your cell phone. Call the Help number if you have a question about poisons.
- Call 9-1-1 if someone won't wake up, is having trouble breathing or is having seizures. If the person seems okay, but you think they may have taken poison call 1-800-222-1222.



Bathroom

- Make sure that medications, including vitamins, prescription drugs and over-the-counter drugs, have child-resistant caps.
- Keep each family member's medicines in a separate place, so they don't get mixed up. Carefully measure doses and track medicine given/received.
- Discard outdated prescriptions properly and keep them locked out of reach of curious teenagers and young adults.
- For homes where young children live or visit: put child safety locks on cabinets to safely store chemicals, cleaners, medicines, cosmetics and other toxic and/or caustic products.
- Keep medicines and cleaning products in their original containers with the original labels intact.
- Read the labels of the products you use in your home. Buy products with child safety caps. If the label has the words "Caution", "Warning", "Danger" or "Poison", the product can be harmful. Store these products in a safe place using child safety locks.

Arts & Crafts Corner



can use the patterns to make as many flowers, clouds, hills, and mountains as she'd like.

If you'd like to hang the garden, glue the pieces to the background.

Note: You can buy felt at Michaels or your local craft store, but you can also substitute construction paper for the felt.

www.wondertimes.com



"Irish eyes will smile wherever you hang this ribbon banner. Pots of gold glitter at the ends of Ireland's frequent rainbows!"

Adult supervision is required for any arts & crafts project.

1. Learn about Ireland and its popular holiday, St. Patrick's Day. What are some of the country's symbols, legends, and traditional sayings? Choose a few of your favorites to represent on a banner. This Irish Ribbon Banner shows the legend about finding a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow.

2. On a large piece of white construction paper or posterboard, use Crayola® Colored Pencils to draw a cloud with a rainbow, two hand-size shamrocks, and a big pot of gold. Color them with Crayola Markers. Use your imagination to decorate them with authentic Irish designs and sayings. Add Crayola Glitter Glue for glittering gold and other sparkling effects. Dry.

3. Cut out all four pieces with Crayola Scissors. Arrange them in the order in which you want them to hang on your banner. Turn them over and run a long ribbon down their backs. Attach ribbon to the pieces with Crayola School Glue. Dry.

4. Hang your Irish Ribbon Banner in a doorway, in a window, or on a wall.

<http://www.crayola.com/crafts/detail/irish-ribbon-banner-craft/>

Felt Garden Patterns

Your child can create her own garden scene from felt using our simple patterns of flowers, mountains, clouds, and more.

(Hint: Use construction paper if you don't have felt handy.)

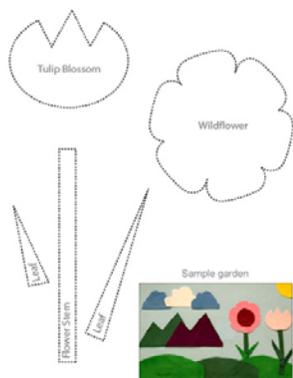
Felt Garden Instructions:

Buy a 12x18 sized piece of stiffened blue felt to use as the background for your garden, plus various colors for the rest of the garden.

Print out our patterns, then have your child cut them out. You'll need to help younger children with this task.

Place patterns on felt (choose green felt for the flower stems, white for the clouds, etc.), then trace with chalk or a marker.

Cut shapes from the felt, then let your child create her own scene. She



Think Safe Be Safe: Poison Prevention Tips: - Continued

Garage & Storage Areas, including Basements, Laundry Rooms and Outdoor Sheds

- Chemicals, fuels (such as gasoline), car fluids (such as anti-freeze), pesticides (such as bug killers), and lawn and garden products (such as fertilizer) are poison.
- Keep products in their original containers. Close the lid and put all dangerous products away after using them.
- Store dangerous products where children cannot reach them; use locks on cabinets.
- Close and put away dangerous products after using them.
- Clean up spills as soon as they happen.
- Never run a motor or vehicle engine inside an attached garage, even with the door open, as deadly carbon monoxide can enter your home this way.

Poison Control Center

Every Poison Control Center across the nation can be reached by calling the American Association of Poison Control Centers' (AAPCC) nationwide help number at **1-800-222-1222**. Post the help number and other emergency numbers near every phone. Call 9-1-1 if someone won't wake up, is having trouble breathing or is having seizures. If the person seems okay, but you think they may have taken poison or if you have a question about poisons call **1-800-222-1222**. The help number also provides local poison control information.

For more information on how to prevent poisoning dangers at home, please visit www.homesafetycouncil.org or www.1-800-222-1222.info.

Poison Prevention Checklist

Be prepared:

Know to call 1-800-222-1222 if someone takes poison. This number will connect you to emergency help in your area.

Keep the number by every phone.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a deadly gas that you cannot see or smell. The gas collects when fuels are burned.

Have a service person check heaters, stove and fireplaces every year to see that they work well.

Have a carbon monoxide (CO) detector near the bedrooms. This will tell you if the gas level is too high.

For more additional details, visit the Home Safety Counsel website: <http://www.homesafetycouncil.org/index.aspx>

National Poison Prevention Week: March 15-21, 2009

"Poisonings are second only to motor vehicle crashes as a leading cause of unintentional injury death. HRSA encourages you to partner with your local poison center to commemorate this important week. Download the new [National Poison Prevention Planner](#). In the planner you will find ideas for events and activities, fact sheets about poisonings, information about how to partner with your local poison center, and planning tips to promote your events with media and community outreach."

<http://www.childrensafetynetwork.org>

RECALLS:

Various Toys Recalled by CBB Group Due to Choking Hazard and Violation of Lead Paint Standard

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Name of product: Fishing Games, Rattles, Pull-A-Long Cars, Mini Pull Back Cars, and Cartoon Bubble Guns

Units: About 39,000

Importer/Distributor: CBB Group Inc., City of Commerce, Calif.

Hazard: The fishing games, baby rattles and pull-a-long cars contain small parts, which can detach and pose a choking hazard to children. The mini pull back cars and bubble guns have surface paints which contain excessive levels of lead, violating the federal lead paint standard.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported.

Description: The recalled toys are described in the chart below:

Product	Information
Fishing Games	Model KK-4296 UPC#782468042968 Model PT-2006 UPC#830002020061 Model T-8112 UPC#704291081129 Model KK-4461 UPC#782468044610
6-Piece Rattle Set	Model ET-1293 UPC#800323012939
6-Piece 3" Pull Back Cars	Model KK-4382 UPC#78246804382
3-Piece Rattle Set	Model ET-1388 UPC#800323013882
Pull-A-Long Car	Model ET-1041 UPC#800323010416 Model KK-4218 UPC#782468042180
Battery-Operated Cartoon Bubble Gun	Model KK-4275 UPC#782468042753 Model KK-4276 UPC#782468042760
Battery-Operated Dolphin Bubble Gun	Model OR-2238 UPC#868333022386

Sold at: Dollar stores and toy stores nationwide from July 2007 through December 2008 for between \$1 and \$5.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should take the recalled products away from young children immediately and return them to the place where purchased for a full refund.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact CBB Group, Inc. toll-free at (866) 628-6238 anytime, or visit the firm's Web site at www.cbbgroup.com



Firm's Recall Hotline: (866) 628-6238

CPSC Recall Hotline: (800) 638-2772

CPSC Media Contact: (301) 504-7908

See www.cpsc.gov for further details.

Old Navy Recalls Stuffed Toys; Button Eyes Can Detach and Pose a Choking Hazard to Young Children

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and Health Canada, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Name of product: Stuffed Animal and Creature Toys

Units: About 35,500 in the United States and 5,400 in Canada

Retailer: Old Navy LLC, of San Francisco, Calif.

Hazard: The stuffed toys have two button eyes that could detach from the toy, posing a choking hazard to young children.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported.

Description: The stuffed animal and creature toys are made out of cotton and have plastic button eyes. They come in a variety of styles, such as a rabbit, penguin and reindeer. The recalled toys and style numbers are listed below:

Type of Stuffed Toy	Style Number
Brown Plaid Creature (Stubby Stuberson)	612756
Pink Striped Dove	600571
Grey Dog	600572
Hot Pink Creature (Lucy Toothy)	612800
White Dog (Dr. Poopsie)	612738
Brown Penguin	612672
Light Pink Rabbit	612671
Brown Reindeer	612728
Dark Pink Rabbit (Honey O'Bunny)	612806

The style number is located on a white label sewn into the side seam of the toy.

Sold at: Old Navy stores and on the Web at www.oldnavy.com from July 2008 through February 2009 for between \$6 and \$10.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should immediately take the recalled stuffed toy away from young children and return it to any Old Navy store for a full refund. If purchased online, contact Old Navy for instructions on returning the toy for a full refund. Consumers who return the toy before July 1, 2009 will also receive a \$5 coupon toward a future Old Navy purchase.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Old Navy toll-free at (866) 580-9930 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or between 12 p.m. and 7 p.m. ET on Saturday, visit the firm's Web site at www.oldnavy.com, or e-mail the firm at custserv@oldnavy.com

Note: Health Canada's press release can be seen at http://209.217.71.106/PR/recall-retrait-e.jsp?re_id=666



Firm's Recall Hotline: (866) 580-9930

CPSC Recall Hotline: (800) 638-2772

CPSC Media Contact: (301) 504-7908

HC Media Contact: (613) 957-2983

Old Navy Media Contact: (800) 333-7899 x75900

See www.cpsc.gov for further details.

RECALLS:

Children's Flip Flops Recalled by Alpargatas Due to Violation of Lead in Paint Standard

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Name of product: Children's flip flops

Units: About 210,000

Manufacturer: Alpargatas USA Inc., of New York, N.Y.

Hazard: Decorative paint on the sole of the flip flops can contain levels of lead in excess of the federal standard.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported

Description: Flip flops of the Havaianas brand containing decorative paint were sold under the following model names: Baby Estampas, Baby Pets, Kids Apple, Kids Fairy, Kids Flores, Kids Lighthouse, Kids Monsters, Kids Surf, Baby Letrinhas, Kids Sports, Kids Candies, Kids Fun, Kids Love, Kids Sereias, Kids Speed, Kids Lucky Bug, Kids Pets, Kids Rock, Kids Slim, Kids Wonder Woman, Kids Small Flowers and Kids Tropical w/Kit. A photo of a representative flip flop is provided below. Havaianas flip flops without decorative paint are not being recalled.

Sold by: Department and specialty stores nationwide from November 2006 through February 2009 for about \$15 to \$24 a pair.

Manufactured in: Brazil

Remedy: Consumers should immediately take the recalled flip flops away from children and return them to Alpargatas USA, Inc. to receive a replacement.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, please contact Alpargatas USA at (888) 289-5306 between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the company's Web site at www.havaianasus.com



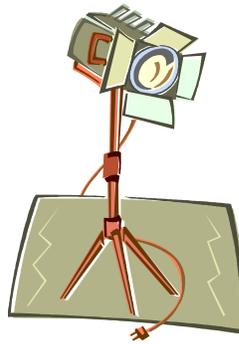
Firm's Recall Hotline: (888) 289-5306

CPSC Recall Hotline: (800) 638-2772

CPSC Media Contact: (301) 504-7908

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SPOTLIGHT ON A PROVIDER:



Our spotlight provider featured this month is **Rebecca Lillo**.

Rebecca resides in the City of Waukesha with her husband and three children. Rebecca is certified at the regular level and has sought out additional training opportunities over the years to update her child welfare knowledge as well as fine tune her day care business skills.

Rebecca has been a certified provider within Waukesha County since 2003. Rebecca was also a certified provider for Eau Claire County prior to relocating to Waukesha County.

Besides raising three children, managing a household and providing care for day care children Rebecca is also a student. Rebecca is working towards earning an associates degree in Early Education. Rebecca plans to graduate in May 2009.

Rebecca is a great asset to the certified day care program and the Department would like to thank her for proving excellent care to the children of Waukesha County.



We would love to hear from you...

Please let us know if you have specific questions or concerns. We would like to start a provider question of the month, so please call or send an e-mail with your questions each month to Jennifer Mantei at jmantei@waukeshacounty.gov or (262) 548-7250.

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