

Waukesha County Child Care Newsletter

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ACT To Keep Children Safe in Vehicles

Every year, we hear of young children who are injured or killed from being left unattended in vehicles. Approximately half of these incidents happen when the child is accidentally forgotten in the vehicle. The other primary causes are children who gain access to the vehicle without the parent/caregiver's knowledge, and children who are intentionally left in vehicles.



The facts are simple:

- Vehicles heat up very quickly, even with a window rolled partially down. Within 10 minutes, the vehicle temperature can increase by 20 degrees in 10 minutes and 34 degrees in 30 minutes. So, even on a cool day, the interior temperatures of vehicles can quickly become dangerous.

Children's bodies are more susceptible to heat than adults' bodies. Their bodies heat up 3-5 times faster than an adult's bodies and they are not as able to lower their body temperatures through sweating. A child's body temperature can rise to 106 degrees in about 10-15 minutes (and heatstroke can occur at a body temperature of 104 degrees).

Because these deaths and injuries are preventable, it is up to parents and caregivers to have systems in place to protect children. "Safe Kids Worldwide" has launched a campaign and developed the acronym of "ACT" to help keep children safe in vehicles:

A—AVOID heat-related injuries and death by never leaving your child alone in a car. Not with the windows partially down and not "just for a minute". Keep your car doors and trunk locked and your keys out of the reach of children. Teach children to not play in cars.

C—CREATE REMINDERS. Many of these tragedies occur when parents or caregivers are distracted or are varying from their regular routines. A parent can put a purse or briefcase, something that you will need when you arrive at your destination, next to the child as a reminder that the child is in the vehicle. Child care providers must have a list of all children in the vehicle that will be checked each time children enter or leave the vehicle to ensure that they are all accounted for at all times.

T—TAKE ACTION. If you see an unattended child in a car, call 911 immediately. If the child is in imminent danger, take immediate action to remove the child from the car.

If your Transportation Policy does not already include measures to ensure that children are not left unattended in vehicles, check ours out [here](http://www.daycaretools.com/DaycareProducts.aspx#Policies) (www.daycaretools.com/DaycareProducts.aspx#Policies).

Source: www.DayCareTools.com



The updated Child Care Information Center (CCIC) website can once again be found at its longtime web address: www.ccic.wi.gov

The CCIC is an information clearinghouse and mail-order lending library serving anyone in Wisconsin working in the field of early care and education or afterschool programs. CCIC provides support and resources for child care programs participating in YoungStar. It is funded by the Department of Children and Families and administered by the Department of Public Instruction.

The CCIC website features free resources referred to in child care Licensing Rules, other helpful articles and brochures for providers and parents, and back issues of the CCIC Newsletter. Use it to find organizations that serve child care providers, locate education and training opportunities, or order Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards. The website also includes a searchable online database in which providers can find books and videos to borrow from CCIC for quality improvement, problem-solving, continuing education, mentoring, in-service programs, workshops and classes.

We recommend you visit CCIC's website at www.ccic.wi.gov to learn more about the materials and services they offer!

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Madison, Wisconsin 53716
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Pumpkin Farms

- **Basse's Country Delight**
S70W16050 Janesville Road, Muskego
Open seasonally starting the first weekend in October
(414) 422-3015
- **Patterson Orchard & Farm**
4607 S. 124th Street, New Berlin
Open every day, 9 AM to 5:30 PM
(414) 425-0563
- **Cozy Nook Farm**
W30780 Summit Avenue, Waukesha
Open through October 31, 9 AM to 8 PM
(262) 968-2573
- **Elegant Farmer**
1545 Main Street, Mukwonago
Open weekends through October 29, 10 AM to 5 PM
(262) 363-6771



WELCOME JESSICA MORRIS!

Hi, my name is Jessica Morris and I started working with Waukesha County in May 2012 at the Register of Deeds office. I came to Health and Human Services in May 2013 after I completed my degree in Health and Human Services, which I earned from WCTC. In addition, I completed an Advocacy training course provided by The Women's Center, where I did volunteer work for 1 year in the Day Care, which is provided to the mothers who come for a parenting class. I enjoyed working with the kids and the time I spent there. My internship was with the Salvation Army where I've learned about an entire different population of people. All of that experience has opened my eyes to the community we live in and I'm really happy I can be a part of it while I work and learn how and what I can do to help.



In my free time, my husband and I have joined a softball, volleyball and bowling league. I have a cat named Precious, who is 18 years old (she was a high school graduation gift), where she was 8 weeks old when I got her, so I've had her, her whole life. I got married May 2013, so as you've read May was a big month for me. I look forward to working with and meeting all of you.

CAR SEAT EMERGENCY INFORMATION STICKERS

Below is a GREAT idea taken from Pinterest (www.pinterest.com) that a blogger now uses with her children.

Put emergency contact sticker on a car seat for rescue workers to view. The blog (Don't Pat the Belly) explains that most children in car seats are too young to disclose important information (name, address, parents, etc) to anyone much less a strange police officer or fire fighter.

This particular Pinterest user went to the computer to create a sticker using vital information that someone would need to know in the event of a car accident if they were unable to communicate with rescue workers. The pinner states you can buy these stickers online, but she simply printed them on regular paper, covered them with clear packing tape and taped ONE STICKER TO EACH SIDE OF EVERY CARSEAT. The pinner suggests print this information on a brightly colored paper to stand out. An example template is listed below.



Child's Name:
DOB:
Address:
Phone:

Parent/Guardian:
Phone Number(s):

Emergency Contact:
Phone Number

Doctor:
Phone Number:
Allergies/Medical Conditions:

Reprinted from www.dontpatthebelly.com

CONTRACT COMPLICATIONS By: Tom Copeland

The primary purpose of a contract is to communicate what is expected of you and the parent. Do you have a contract? Does your contract address the following situations?

- 1) **The parent must give a two-week notice before terminating your services and must pay for this period whether or not the child is in attendance. It also states that the parent does not have to pay for a week of a provider's vacation.** The parent gives her two-week termination notice on the Friday before the provider is to take her vacation. Must the parent pay for the next two weeks?
- 2) **Declared snow emergency.** The parent does not bring the child to your business. Must the parent pay for this day? What if the provider told the parent not to bring the child because the provider was concerned about unsafe driving conditions? Should the parent pay for this day?
- 3) **There will be a two-week trial period during which time either the parent or provider can terminate without giving notice.** The parent has paid for the last two weeks of care in advance. The provider terminates after the second day of care. Should the provider pay the parent back the two-week deposit?

There are no right or wrong answers to these situations. You may resolve them any way you see fit in your contract. The following are some suggested ways to handle the above situations.

- 1) I recommend that you not allow a parent to avoid paying for the last two weeks of care if they give notice before you take your vacation. Add contract language that says that the parent must pay even if the provider is on vacation for any of the two-week notice period.
- 2) Some provider contracts state that the provider will always be open, regardless of weather conditions and that parents must always pay. If you tell the parent not to drive, it is reasonable not to charge the parent for this day.
- 3) It seems reasonable for the provider to refund the two-week deposit when the provider or the parent terminates during a trial period.

No contract can cover every single situation that may arise. Do your best to address as many situations as you can that involve payment. If something comes up later that you had not anticipated, be as reasonable as possible in how you handle it.

Source: <http://www.nafcc.org/>

SEEKING PHOTOS OF FAMILY CHILD CARE SETTINGS

National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) would like to extend an invitation to our members to share photos from your Family Child Care Program to post on our website or in printed materials. (indoor, outdoor, activities, special projects).

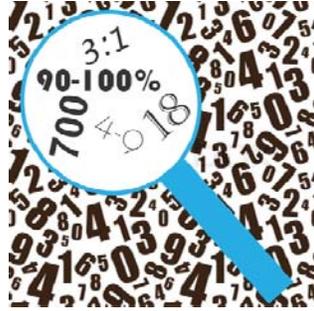
All photos MUST be accompanied by a media release form from the parents of each of the children included in each photo. Go to <http://www.nafcc.org/media/pdf/accreditation/ReleaseFormForMediaUse.pdf> for a copy of the media release.

Submit your photos and release forms to webmaster@nafcc.org. This email address is protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it. Questions may be answered at (801) 886-2322 ext. 354.

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5 NUMBERS TO KNOW

The Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University has a new, interactive multi-media presentation entitled "Five Numbers to Remember About Early Child Development". The numbers are:



- ◆ 700 Per Second—In a young child's brain, new neural connections are formed at the rate of 700 per second. Reciprocal interactions with adults are one of the primary methods through which these neurons develop.
- ◆ 18 Months—By the age of 18 months, disparities in vocabulary, based upon the education level of the child's parents, begin to appear. By the age of 3 years, children of college-educated parents may have a vocabulary 2-3 times that of children whose parents have not completed high school.
- ◆ 90-100%—Children who are faced with 6-7 risk factors (poverty, parent/caregiver mental illness, maltreatment, etc.) in the first 3 years of life have a 90-100% chance of developmental delays.
- ◆ 3:1 Odds—Similarly, children who are faced with 7-8 risk factors are 3 times more likely to develop cardiovascular disease as adults.
- ◆ 4-9 Dollars—Several longitudinal studies on the impact of high-quality early childhood education programs have demonstrated that every dollar invested yields \$4-9 in future returns.

So, what does this research tell us? Early childhood education is extraordinarily important and well worth the investment. A relatively small investment early in a child's life can prevent lifelong problems. Children in difficult home environments may need more extensive interventions. Quality early childhood education benefits not just the child and parents, but all of society.

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SAFETY & ITEM RECALLS:

<http://www.cspc.gov/>

Kids II Recalls Baby Einstein Activity Jumpers Due to Impact Hazard; Sun Toy Can Snap Backward



Consumers should stop using this product unless otherwise instructed. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

Recall Summary

Name of product: Baby Einstein Musical Motion Activity Jumpers

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

Units: About 400,000 and 8,500 in Canada

Description: 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.

Incidents/Injuries: The firm has received 100 reports of incidents including 61 injuries. Reported injuries include bruises, lacerations to the face, a 7-month-old boy who sustained a lineal skull fracture and a chipped tooth to an adult.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the product and contact Kids II for a replacement toy attachment.

Sold at: Target, Toys R Us and other retail stores nationwide and online at Amazon.com between May 2010 and May 2013 for about \$90.



Save the Date
October 22, 2013
5:30 - 8:30 PM
Child Care
Appreciation Event
Northview Banquet Hall and Catering
815 Northview Road, Waukesha

The Waukesha County Child Care Work Group Committee invites you to attend the Child Care Appreciation Event on October 22, 2013.

This year's event will focus on Developmental Trauma in Infants and Children. We will also examine behavioral indicators which can be present as a result of trauma. You will get wonderful ideas of how to support these children in your daycares. Come and develop some useful tools to work with these children.

Free Event
Registry Hours Available

Questions contact us at:
1-855-WC-4-KIDZ

PROMISE ME
YOU WILL ALWAYS
REMEMBER...
You're BRAVER
THAN YOU BELIEVE
STRONGER
THAN YOU SEEM
and SMARTER
THAN YOU
THINK.

SAFETY & ITEM RECALLS:

<http://www.cspc.gov/>

Fred & Friends Recalls Baby Rattles Due to Choking Hazard

Consumers should stop using this product unless otherwise instructed. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

RECALL SUMMARY

Name of product: "Buff Baby" baby rattles

Hazard: The rattle's end cap can separate, releasing small parts, posing a choking hazard to small children

Units: About 47,500 in the United States and 9,300 in Canada

Description: This recall involves the "Buff Baby" baby rattle. The gray plastic rattle is shaped like a dumbbell and has plastic pellets inside. The rattle measures about 5.5-inches long and 2-inches wide and "0.2" is embossed on both pentagon-shaped ends of the rattle. The rattles were packaged in clear cylindrical packages featuring a picture of a young girl lifting the rattle. The UPC code 728987019098 can be found on the bottom of the package.

Incidents/Injuries: Fred & Friends has received two reports of rattle caps separating. No injuries have been reported.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately take these rattles away from young children and contact Fred & Friends to receive a full refund.

Sold at: Specialty toy and baby stores nationwide, in Canada, and online at www.amazon.com and various other websites from October 2011 through June 2013 for between \$7 and \$10.



H&M Announces Recall of Children's Water Bottles Due to Choking Hazard

Recall Summary

Name of product: Children's Water Bottles

Hazard: The water bottle's spout can break off, posing a choking hazard to children.

Recall Details

Incidents/Injuries: H&M has received one report of an incident in England of the water bottle spout breaking off in a child's mouth as the child was drinking from the bottle. No injuries have been reported.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the water bottle and call H&M to receive a prepaid mailer to return the bottle. Upon receipt of the returned bottle, consumers will be mailed a full refund plus a \$25 H&M gift card.

Sold exclusively at H&M stores with children's departments nationwide from July 2012 through March 2013 for between \$1.50 and \$5. About 200 of the bottles were sold after the original recall was announced in September 2012.



iCandy World Recalls Cherry Strollers Due to Strangulation Hazard

RECALL SUMMARY

Name of product: Cherry model strollers

Hazard: The opening between the bumper bar and seat bottom of the stroller can allow an infant's body to pass through and become entrapped at the neck, posing a strangulation hazard to young children when a child is not harnessed.



RECALL DETAILS

Units: About 830

Description: This recall includes the iCandy Cherry stroller only in the colors Fudge (light-medium brown) and Liquorice (red and black). The iCandy Cherry stroller system has a telescopic folding frame where a seat, bassinet or infant carrier car seat can be placed. The seat unit features three recline positions, adjustable footrest, 5-point safety harness, removable canopy and removable bumper bar. There is a printed white cherry logo on the rear of the seat unit. A label can be found under the basket fabric on the frame tubing that supports the lower basket on the following recalled models:

Batch No.	Cherry Stroller Color	Serial Number
U10001169	FUDGE (IW119)	1-500
U10002170	LIQUORICE (IW124)	501-1000
U10014182	LIQUORICE (IW124)	1001-1500
U10013181	FUDGE (IW119)	1501-2000

Incidents/Injuries: None reported.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately remove the bumper bar from the strollers and contact iCandy America Inc. to receive a free replacement bumper bar. Consumers can continue to use the strollers while awaiting the replacement bumper bar.

Sold at: Buy Buy Baby and other juvenile product stores nationwide and online at www.buybuybaby.com and other online retailers from October 2009 through December 2012 for about \$400.

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