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The timing couldn't be worse. Just as parents, grandparents and, most of all, manufacturers are gearing up for the annual holiday toy-buying extravaganza, Fisher-Price has recalled more than 10 million tricycles, toys and high chairs because of concerns over safety.

The bulk of the recall involves 7 million toddler tricycles, some sporting Barbie and Dora the Explorer. Several of the product lines involved actual injuries, including 14 models of a tricycle with a protruding pretend ignition key that can cause genital bleeding if a child falls on it. Ten injuries have been reported. Seven models of infant activity centers have valves that have detached; there have been three reports of children choking. The recall also includes nearly 950,000 high chairs with pegs on the back legs that have injured seven children. (More on Time.com: Similac Recall Outrages Parents: Are Beetles Bad?)

Most of the products were sold in the U.S., but about 400,000 items are being recalled in Canada.

On its website, Fisher-Price reached out directly to consumers with a letter from general manager Kevin Curran beginning, "Dear Fisher-Price Parents & Grandparents. Many of us here at Fisher-Price are parents, too myself included and we share your belief that nothing is more important than the well-being of our children," says Curran. "I can reassure you that our business operates in a highly regulated environment, which means that toys are overwhelmingly safe."

It's been increasingly difficult to believe that. It was only a few years ago that toymakers announced massive recalls of products made in China because they didn't meet lead standards. Every day, the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission comes out with another press release detailing yet another product recall. (On Wednesday, the CPSC warned parents of babies to immediately stop using sleep positioners as they're linked to a dozen deaths.) It's a wonder children are making it to adulthood.

CPSC commended Fisher-Price for the way it's handling the current recall, but it simultaneously issued a general reprimand to the manufacturing world at large: "Fisher-Price did the right thing in agreeing to provide consumers with free remedies for these products. But all companies must do better. They must give more attention to building safety into their products. They must work to ensure that they are adhering to safety standards. Meanwhile, as moms, dads and caregivers, you, too, have a role. We thank the dozens of you who reported these incidents."

I've always wondered how the CPSC finds out about product-related injuries in the first place. Now I know it's because parents or any disgruntled customers contact them directly. (More on Time.com: Egg Investigation Heads to Maine)

See below for a list of the Fisher-Price recalled products:

Trikes

72633 Hot Wheels Trike

72639 Barbie Butterfly Trike

72642 Lil' Kawasaki Trike

72643 Tough Trike

72644 Tough Trike

72792 Kawasaki Trike

B8775 Kawasaki Ninja Tough Trike

B8776 Barbie Tough Trike

K6672 Nick Jr./Dora the Explorer Tough Trike

K6673 Go, Diego, Go! Tough Trike

M5727 Barbie Tough Trike Princess Ride-On

N6021 Kawasaki Tough Trike

T6209 Thomas & Friends Tough Trike

V4270 Go, Diego, Go! Kid-Tough Trike

Rampway

T4261 Little People Wheelies Stand 'n Play Rampway

V6378 Little People Wheelies Stand 'n Play Rampway

Gift Set</p><p align="justify">Infant toys with inflatable balls</p><p align="justify">73408 Baby Playzone<img alt="Fisher-Price logo" data-bbox="415 115 435 135"/> Crawl & Cruise Playground<img alt="Fisher-Price logo" data-bbox="415 115 435 135"/></p><p align="justify">B2408 Baby Playzone<img alt="Fisher-Price logo" data-bbox="415 115 435 135"/> Crawl & Slide Arcade<img alt="Fisher-Price logo" data-bbox="415 115 435 135"/></p><p align="justify">C3068 Ocean Wonders<img alt="Fisher-Price logo" data-bbox="415 115 435 135"/> Kick & Crawl<img alt="Fisher-Price logo" data-bbox="415 115 435 135"/> Aquarium</p><p align="justify">H5704 Baby Gymnastics<img alt="Fisher-Price logo" data-bbox="415 115 435 135"/> Play Wall</p><p align="justify">H8094 Ocean Wonders<img alt="Fisher-Price logo" data-bbox="415 115 435 135"/> Kick & Crawl<img alt="Fisher-Price logo" data-bbox="415 115 435 135"/> Aquarium</p><p align="justify">J0327 1-2-3 Tetherball</p><p align="justify">K0476 Bat & Score Goal<img alt="Fisher-Price logo" data-bbox="415 115 435 135"/></p><p align="justify">High Chairs</p><p align="justify">79638 Healthy Care<img alt="Fisher-Price logo" data-bbox="415 115 435 135"/> High Chair</p><p align="justify">79639 Healthy Care<img alt="Fisher-Price logo" data-bbox="415 115 435 135"/> High Chair</p><p align="justify">79640 Healthy Care<img alt="Fisher-Price logo" data-bbox="415 115 435 135"/> High Chair</p><p align="justify">79641 Healthy Care<img alt="Fisher-Price logo" data-bbox="415 115 435 135"/> High Chair</p><p align="justify">B0326 Deluxe Healthy Care<img alt="Fisher-Price logo" data-bbox="415 115 435 135"/> High Chair</p><p align="justify">B2105 Deluxe Healthy Care<img alt="Fisher-Price logo" data-bbox="415 115 435 135"/> High Chair</p><p align="justify">B2875 Healthy Care<img alt="Fisher-Price logo" data-bbox="415 115 435 135"/> High Chair</p><p align="justify">C4630 Healthy Care<img alt="Fisher-Price logo" data-bbox="415 115 435 135"/> High Chair</p><p align="justify">C4632 Link-a-doos<img alt="Fisher-Price logo" data-bbox="415 115 435 135"/> Deluxe Plus Healthy Care<img alt="Fisher-Price logo" data-bbox="415 115 435 135"/> High Chair</p><p align="justify">C5936 Healthy Care<img alt="Fisher-Price logo" data-bbox="415 115 435 135"/> High Chair</p><p align="justify">G4406 Healthy Care<img alt="Fisher-Price logo" data-bbox="415 115 435 135"/> High Chair</p><p align="justify">G8659 Aquarium Healthy Care High Chair<img alt="Fisher-Price logo" data-bbox="415 115 435 135"/></p><p align="justify">H0796 Deluxe Healthy Care<img alt="Fisher-Price logo" data-bbox="415 115 435 135"/> High Chair</p><p align="justify">H1152 Healthy Care<img alt="Fisher-Price logo" data-bbox="415 115 435 135"/> High Chair</p><p align="justify">H4864 Aquarium Healthy Care<img alt="Fisher-Price logo" data-bbox="415 115 435 135"/> High Chair</p><p align="justify">H7241 Healthy Care<img alt="Fisher-Price logo" data-bbox="415 115 435 135"/> High Chair</p><p align="justify">H8906 Close to Me<img alt="Fisher-Price logo" data-bbox="415 115 435 135"/> High Chair</p><p align="justify">H9178 Easy Clean<img alt="Fisher-Price logo" data-bbox="415 115 435 135"/> High Chair</p><p align="justify">J4011 Easy Clean<img alt="Fisher-Price logo" data-bbox="415 115 435 135"/> High Chair</p><p align="justify">J6292 Easy Clean<img alt="Fisher-Price logo" data-bbox="415 115 435 135"/> High Chair</p><p align="justify">J8229 Easy Clean<img alt="Fisher-Price logo" data-bbox="415 115 435 135"/> High Chair</p><p align="justify">K2927 Rainforest<img alt="Fisher-Price logo" data-bbox="415 115 435 135"/> Healthy Care<img alt="Fisher-Price logo" data-bbox="415 115 435 135"/> High Chair</p><p align="justify">L1912 Healthy Care<img alt="Fisher-Price logo" data-bbox="415 115 435 135"/> High Chair</p><p align="justify"><br />Source: <a href="http://healthland.time.com/2010/09/30/10930/?artId=10930?contType=article?chn=us#ixzz1163bGXqx">http://healthland.time.com/2010/09/30/10930/?artId=10930?contType=article?chn=us#ixzz1163bGXqx</a></p>