

# PRODUCT SAFETY RECALLS

## 3.4 Million Vehicles Recalled

**Description:** Four Japanese automakers – Honda, Toyota, Nissan and Mazda – are recalling 3.4 million vehicles for defective airbag systems.

**Hazard:** The airbag system could catch fire or inadvertently inflate injuring passengers. These issues could result in serious injuries if not corrected.

**Remedy:** If you own one of the vehicles listed, take your car to the respective dealership to get this hazard taken care of.

## Toyota Recalls 1 Million Corollas & Lexus Sedans

**Description:** Toyota is recalling around 752,000 certain model year 2003-2004 Corolla and Corolla Matrix vehicles and over 267,000 certain model year 2006-2012 Lexus IS250 and IS350 vehicles manufactured August 23, 2005, through October 5, 2011; 2010-2012 Lexus IS250C and IS350C vehicles manufactured April 10, 2009, through October 6, 2011; and 2008-2011 Lexus IS-F vehicles manufactured December 14, 2007, through July 10, 2011.

**Hazard:** Corolla/Corolla Matrix vehicles: The supplemental restraint system (SRS) circuits are susceptible to internal shorting. The electrical short may create an abnormal current flow and increased heat which can damage the circuits. This could result in an inadvertent deployment of the front airbags and/or seat belt pretensioners which may increase the risk of injury and the possibility of a vehicle crash. Lexus vehicles: The nuts that fasten the wiper arms may be insufficiently torqued such that if the wiper arms are restricted by an external load, such as a buildup of heavy snow, one or both of the wipers may become inoperative and could reduce driver visibility and increase the risk of a vehicle crash.

**Remedy:** Toyota will notify owners, and dealers will install a supplemental harness containing an electrical filter between the airbag control module and its wire harness, free of charge. Lexus dealers will install new wiper arm nuts, also free of charge.

## “Aubree’s” & “Hearts” Baby Socks

**Description:** About 33,000 pairs of baby socks recalled by Trumpette due to choking hazard. This recall involves “Aubree’s” and “Hearts” baby socks sold in sizes 0 to 12 months. “Aubree’s” socks have flowers attached to the toes. “Hearts” socks have bows attached to the toes of the heart-patterned socks. “TRUMPETTE” is printed on the soles. They were sold in packages of six pairs of socks in multiple colors.

**Hazard:** The flowers and the bows on the baby socks can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately take the recalled socks away from babies and remove the flowers or bows to eliminate the hazard, or return the socks to the place of purchase or Trumpette for a full refund or store credit.

## Imaginarium Activity Walkers

**Description:** The recalled Imaginarium Activity Walkers have a round wooden push handle on the top of a curved triangle-shaped wooden walker base with four wheels. There is a multi-colored metal xylophone with 2 triangle mallets, 1 multi-colored abacus and 1 scratch noise maker on the front of the walker. The walkers have multi-colored wooden, disc-shaped wheels. The walkers measure about 19 inches tall and about 13 inches wide.

**Hazard:** The small bolt and spacer that attaches each front wheel to the walker can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

**Remedy:** Consumers should stop using the recalled walker immediately, put it out of reach of young children and return it to a Toys R Us store for a full refund or store credit.

## Monster High City Motor Scooters

**Description:** Dynacraft recalls about 5,500 Monster High City motor scooters due to fall hazard. This recall involves electric, battery-operated City Scooters that are purple and black with Monster High graphics on the front panels, seat and rear fenders.

**Hazard:** The scooters can accelerate suddenly while in use, causing the rider to lose control and fall.

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately stop using the City Scooter, disconnect the battery and return it to the nearest Walmart store to receive a full refund or store credit.

## Homelite Electric Blower Vacuums

**Description:** Homelite recalls about 241,000 electric blower vacuums due to laceration hazard.

**Hazard:** Objects that are drawn into the unit during vacuum mode can break through the plastic housing, posing a laceration hazard.

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled blower vacuums and contact Homelite for a free replacement blower vacuum.

## Pampered Chef Garlic Slicer

**Description:** The Pampered Chef recalls about 286,000 garlic slicers due to laceration hazard.

**Hazard:** A blade on the garlic slicer can unexpectedly dislodge during use, posing a laceration hazard to the consumer.

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled garlic slicers and contact The Pampered Chef for a replacement product.

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## Welcome Rory Dukes to Roberts & Roberts

We are proud to announce that Rory Dukes has joined our firm. Rory graduated from Austin College in 1982 with a Bachelor of Arts, followed in 1983 with a Masters in Education. After teaching and coaching for four and one-half years in high schools and college, Rory attended Baylor School of Law, receiving his Juris Doctorate in 1989. Upon graduation from law school, Rory entered private practice in Tyler,

where his practice has focused on civil trial law for almost twenty four years. During such time, Rory has actively served the community as a member of several non-profit organizations and non-profit boards of directors. Rory is the father of a sixteen year old daughter and two sons, ages thirteen and eleven.

## Alert! Electric Panels have High Rate of Electrical Fires

Electrical breaker panels made by THE FEDERAL PACIFIC Company, have a very high rate of electrical fires. These breaker panels are usually located in closets and they were widely used from the 1950’s to the 1980’s. They will be labeled, “FEDERAL PACIFIC”. These breaker panels use a stab lok breaker which can overheat and cause a fire. If you have this panel in your house-you should call an electrician for an inspection and get an estimate on a new replacement panel. Many experts describe these breaker panels as a “fire waiting to happen.” You can get additional information at [ismypanelsafe.com](http://ismypanelsafe.com).



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### Sleep Like a Baby: Helpful Tips for Crib Safety



*A recent report in the journal Pediatrics found that some 26 children suffer from crib-related injuries everyday.*

*These crib safety tips can protect your little ones from danger:*

#### Crib Design:

- Do not use/purchase an antique or used crib. Antique cribs often have cutouts or openings that could trap the child's head, neck, arms or legs. Antique/used cribs may also be missing important hardware.
- Watch for corner posts. Do not use a crib with corner posts that are more than 1/16 of an inch higher than the

- crib ends. Corner posts that do not meet these specifications can catch a child's pajamas.
- The space between crib slats should be no more than 2 3/8 inches apart. The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) requires this to protect from babies getting their heads stuck between the slats.

#### Crib Maintenance:

- Check the crib hardware. It may become loose, missing or damaged over time. Contact the manufacturer for replacement parts.
- Check for chipping paint. Lead can be found in old paint and is a health hazard to children.
- Check the mattress support to ensure that the system holding the mattress up is not bent or broken.
- Make sure the mattress fits. There should not be cracks or openings between the mattress and the crib. If two adult fingers can be placed between the mattress and the crib, the mattress needs to be replaced.

- Adjust the mattress to the correct height as the child grows. The higher the mattress, the easier it is for a child to pull himself out of the crib. The mattress should be at the lowest setting when a child is able to pull himself up.

#### Crib Use:

- Do not use bumper pads. They increase the risk of strangulation and suffocation. The CPSC advises against using bumper pads.
- Use only a bottom-fitted sheet on a firm, tight-fitting mattress.
- Remove mobiles or crib gyms once a child can pull himself up. These are meant to look at, not reach for or touch.
- Place baby on his/her back for sleep. Babies who sleep on their back are less likely to develop Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), according to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

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