

PRODUCT SAFETY RECALLS

Toyota Recalls 780,000 Vehicles

Description: Toyota is recalling approximately 760,000 certain model year 2006 through 2011 RAV4 and around 18,000 model year 2010 Lexus HS250h passenger vehicles manufactured from October 2005 through September 2010. **Hazard:** If the nuts for adjusting the rear wheel alignment are improperly tightened when an alignment is performed, the thread portion of the arm (shaft and turn-buckle) may become loose and rust. This may lead to thread wear in the turn-buckle, causing the arm to separate, which could result in a loss of vehicle control, increasing the risk of a crash. **Remedy:** Toyota is currently developing the remedy and will provide a notification schedule when it becomes available.

GM Recalls 426,000 Vehicles

Description: General Motors (GM) is recalling certain model year 2007-2010 Saturn Aura and model year 2008-2010 Chevrolet Malibu and Pontiac G6 vehicles, equipped with a 4-speed automatic transmission. **Hazard:** The tabs on the transmission shift cable end may fracture and separate, causing the shift lever and the actual position of the transmission gear may not match. The driver would be able to move the shifter to ‘PARK’ and remove the ignition key, but the transmission gear may not be in ‘PARK.’ The vehicle may not be able to be restarted and the vehicle could roll away after the driver has exited the vehicle, resulting in a possible crash without prior warning. **Remedy:** GM will notify owners, and dealers will install a retainer over the cable end or replace the shift cable as necessary. This service will be performed free of charge.

Bumbo Baby Seats

Description: The bottom of the Bumbo seat is round and flat with a diameter of about 15 inches. It is constructed of a single piece of molded foam and comes in various colors. The seat has leg holes and the seat back wraps completely around the child. On the front of the seat in raised lettering is the word “Bumbo” with the image of an elephant on top. **Hazard:** Babies can maneuver out of or fall from the Bumbo seat, posing a risk of serious injuries. **Remedy:** Consumers should immediately stop using the product until they order and install a free repair kit.

Summer Infant Baby Bathers

Description: This recall involves Summer Infant baby bathers with a small, nearly square blue or pink plastic base measuring about 13 ½ inches long by 12 ½ inches wide. **Hazard:** When the bather is lifted and/or carried with an infant in it, its folding wire frame can suddenly disengage from

the side hinge, dropping the baby out of the bather, posing a fall hazard and a risk of serious head injury to infants. **Remedy:** Consumers should immediately stop using the bathers and contact Summer Infant for a free repair kit that includes a locking strap and instructions.

Green Toys Mini Vehicles

Description: This recall involves Green Toys™ Mini Vehicles. All cars are made of plastic and available in yellow, green, red, white and blue. For the Mini Vehicle (MVHA - 1014) and Fastback (MVFA-1022) sets the model numbers can be found on the bottom of the toys’ packaging. For all other cars, a label with the model number can be found on the bottom of the car itself. **Hazard:** The wheels and hubcaps on the toy cars can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children. **Remedy:** Consumers should take the product away from children immediately and contact Green Toys, Inc. to receive a full refund.

GE Dishwashers

Description: This recall involves GE, GE Adora, GE Eterna, GE Profile and Hotpoint brand dishwashers. They were sold in black, white, bisque, stainless steel, and CleanSteel™ exterior colors and finishes. **Hazard:** An electrical failure in the dishwashers’ heating element can pose a fire hazard. **Remedy:** Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled dishwashers, disconnect the electric supply by shutting off the fuse or circuit breaker controlling it and inform all users of the dishwasher about the risk of fire.

Kenmore Dehumidifiers

Description: This recall involves 35-, 50- and 70-pint dehumidifiers with a Kenmore logo on the front top of the unit, manufactured between 2003 and 2005. The dehumidifiers are made of white plastic and are between 21 and 24 inches tall, about 15 inches wide and about 13.5 inches in depth. They have fan and humidity controls on their top front panels and some models include remote controls. They come with front-loading water buckets. **Hazard:** The dehumidifiers can overheat, smoke, melt and catch on fire, posing fire and burn hazards to consumers. **Remedy:** Consumers should immediately turn off and unplug the dehumidifiers and contact the firm to receive a Sears gift card for either \$75, \$80, \$90 or \$100, which may be used at any Sears or Kmart store or at Sears.com or Kmart.com.

The Dangers of Plastic Gas Cans

The dangers of gas cans, more specifically plastic gas cans, have been known for many years, and children are victims in 40 percent of documented gas can explosions. As far back as 1973, Consumer Reports magazine wrote of these dangers and how the resulting “accidents can be prevented by a flame arrester...” Despite ample evidence that these containers are more prone to explosions without a flame arrester, manufacturers and the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) haven’t acted to install arresters or warned consumers of this defect.

Review the safety tips below in order to prevent gasoline can fires or explosions.

Around Children...

- Keep gasoline out of sight and secured away from children.
- Never let children handle gasoline.

Around the home...

- Store gasoline outside the home (e.g., in a garage or tool shed) in a safety can with a flame arrester – never in glass or non-reusable plastic containers (e.g., milk jugs).
- Don’t use or store gasoline near possible ignition sources (e.g., electrical devices, oil- or gas-fired appliances, or any other device that contains a pilot flame or a spark).
- Never use gasoline inside the home or as a cleaning agent.



Around the yard and outdoors...

- Don’t use gas to start or accelerate a charcoal grill, wood stove, brush or camp fire or any other fire source.
- Let machinery cool before refueling.
- Clean up spills promptly and discard cleanup materials properly.
- Never use gasoline in place of kerosene.
- Don’t smoke when handling gasoline.

On the road...

- Don’t get in and out of your vehicle when fueling, as an electrical charge on your body could spark a fire.
- Place the gas can on the ground before filling, not inside a vehicle or in the bed of a pick-up truck.

And if a gas can fire starts...

- Do not attempt to extinguish the fire or stop the flow of gasoline. Leave the area immediately, and call for help.

IT’S THE LAW!

ANSWERS TO LEGAL QUESTIONS

Question:

I disagree with my insurance company’s interpretation of its policy. Do I have any rights?

Answer:

Yes. Your insurance company’s interpretation of its policy may not be binding on you. If an insurance policy is capable of more than one reasonable interpretation, courts use the interpretation that most favors the consumer.

The consumer’s interpretation will be presumed correct as long as that interpretation is not unreasonable, even if the insurance company’s interpretation appears to be more reasonable or a more accurate reflection of the policy’s intended coverage.

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A preview of what's inside:

What To Do And Not Do After An Accident: Being involved in an accident can be overwhelming, which is why we give a detailed list of all the things you should and should not do following an accident.

Commonly Asked Questions: Everyone has questions after an accident and we have compiled a list of the most commonly asked questions and given you the answers.

Helpful Resources: As you work to settle your personal injury claim, there are some resources that might be available for you. This book explains federal and state programs such as

Medicare, Medicaid, and the Crime Victim's Compensation Program, and what each are intended for as well as the contact information for each source.

The Three Biggest Mistakes: Find out the three biggest mistakes people make after an accident and how to avoid making them.

Find Out If You Need An Attorney: If you are unsure whether you should handle your injury claim on your own, we give you guidelines to follow to determine if you need to hire an attorney.

Find Out How We Can Help: If you think you need an attorney, discover the multiple ways that we can help you and how we handle your case. You can also learn how to communicate effectively with your attorney, how to resolve complaints, and limit legal expenses.

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