

## Recall Targeting Popular Children's Products Announced After Serious Injuries, Death

*Victim's Advocate Fears Troubling Trend of Dangerous Infant, Children's Products*

Alexandria, LA ([PRWEB](#)) January 21, 2010 -- Within the past two days, the U.S. Consumer Safety Product Commission (CPSC) has announced the recall of over two million children's products including drop-side rail cribs and popular Graco strollers. The recalls were initiated after the products were linked to serious injuries and death in infants and children.

Attorney [Richard Arsenault](#), who represents victims of dangerous products, has seen first-hand the damage these faulty items can cause. Arsenault recently filed a [wrongful death lawsuit](#) (U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana; Docket # 6:09-CV-01976) in the nation's largest crib recall. His client's 7-month-old son was found suffocated to death in a drop-side rail crib. The infant's death, along with the suffocation deaths of three other babies, prompted the CPSC to recall over 2.1 million Stork Craft brand cribs.

Victims' rights groups have argued that the design of drop-side rail cribs is inherently dangerous and have attributed the deaths of over 100 infants within the past 15 years. They have urged the government to ban this type of design, a recommendation that is under review, but so far has not been acted upon.

"This story is heartbreaking and the fact patterns are strikingly similar – a gap in the drop-side rail allows the child to become wedged between the rail and the mattress, leading to suffocation or other serious injuries. Our regulatory agencies say drop-side rail cribs are under review, but that comes as little solace to the families who have already lost babies in this tragic, unnecessary way," added Arsenault.

In addition to the recent recalls of more than three million drop-side rail cribs from various manufacturers, yesterday the CPSC announced the recall of 1.5 million Graco strollers after receiving several reports of children suffering finger lacerations and amputations caused by the strollers' hinges.

Graco, one of the nation's most popular producers of strollers and child travel systems, is offering a repair kit to cover the dangerous hinges. Unfortunately, this repair likewise comes too late for the children who have already suffered from fingertip amputations and lacerations, Arsenault said.

"Corporations owe consumers safe products – especially when the products are intended for infants and children. It's not enough to fix the problem once the products are on the market. These manufacturers need to be making products that are safe right off the assembly line," said Arsenault.

A visit to the CPSC's recalls Web site reveals dozens of recalls targeted at children's products from strangulation and suffocation hazards, to lead contamination, to risk of serious injury, some of which involve America's most trusted brand names.

"The current safety standards established for many infant and children's products are too weak and the enforcement capabilities of our regulatory agencies are inadequate. At some point the hope is that a strong and properly funded regulatory agency along with civil litigation will motivate wayward companies to clean up their act and make safety the priority it needs to be," concluded Arsenault.



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