

# **Just Between Friends Tagging and Selling Safe Items**

Just Between Friends (JBF) strives to stay informed of all the latest safety recalls and consumer awareness alerts.

JBF feels the safety and security of each participating family and every child is our top priority. Please read about the top offenders and save yourself time by making sure you are not tagging recalled items. We are not allowed to sell recalled items and to keep families safe; we will pull recalls from the sales floor.

## **JBF is focusing on three main items of safety concerns**

- ✓ **Drop Side Cribs**
- ✓ **Baby Walkers**
- ✓ **Bath Seats**

Anyone can go to [cpsc.gov](http://cpsc.gov) and get information on recalls.

Just Between Friends believes that safety cannot be compromised, so we are investing in ways that help our mommies be more aware of the items at their own homes and how to manage any recalls.

## [Drop Side Cribs](#)

On December 15, 2010 the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission voted unanimously to ban the manufacture, sale and resale of drop side cribs. The CPSC also updated the federal crib safety standards for the first time since 1982. Neal S. Cohen, Acting Small Business Ombudsman, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, stated in a recent email “Effective June 28, 2011, selling a crib that does not meet CPSC’s new standards for full-size and non-full size cribs will be illegal. The new crib standards contain many requirements, including a prohibition of traditional drop sides. These requirements cover things like crib hardware, mattress support, and side rail strength, that cannot be met by retrofitting or “fixing” an existing crib.” Therefore, Just Between Friends, Inc will not be accepting the consignment of drop side cribs. This includes drop side cribs that have been “fixed” or “retrofitted.” The consignment of drop side cribs, as toddler beds will also not be accepted. All Just Between Friends Franchises should implement this policy immediately. Even though the new standards will not be enforced until June 28, 2011, JBF cannot in good conscience resale a crib that does not meet these safety requirements. Just Between Friends, Inc regrets any inconvenience that this may cause our consignors. It is recommended that consignors with drop side cribs contact the crib manufacturer and/or the place of purchase for further information.

## Baby Walkers

In the past, more children were injured with baby walkers than with any other nursery product. Since 1973, walkers have been involved in at least 39 deaths. In 2006, an estimated 3,200 walker-related injuries among children under 15 months old were treated in hospital emergency rooms. Most of these injuries resulted from falls down stairs. To make walkers safer, the CPSC worked with the industry to develop a new standard. Baby walkers that are consigned with Just Between Friends must meet the new standard. Each walker that meets the new standard and is certified by the Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association (JPMA) must meet one of two requirements: 1) it must be too wide to fit through a standard doorway (at least 36 inches wide), or 2) it must have features, such as a gripping mechanism, to stop the walker at the edge of a step. The gripping mechanism will have rubber-like strips underneath or around the base to grip the floor and stop the walker at the edge of a step. If consumers choose to use baby walkers, the CPSC strongly recommends that they replace their old walkers with a new-generation baby walker, which meets the requirements of the standard. Consumers should look for the "Meets New Standard" label.

## Bath Seats

Bath seats or bath rings that are consigned with Just Between Friends must meet the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission standard. Bath seats that do not meet the standard: 1) attach to the tub floor with suction cups and/or 2) were made before 2007 (see date code stamp on the bottom of the product.) Just Between Friends will not accept bath seats or bath rings that do not meet the safety standard. The CPSC considers bath seats that do not meet the standard to be a drowning hazard.

## **CPSC LIST OF TOP MOST DANGEROUS RECALLED PRODUCTS**

The Consumer Product Safety Commission has launched a drive to prevent used goods that have been recalled from being resold. Among thousands of recalled products on the market, the federal agency has identified 11 that it considers very dangerous for children. Please check your home for these items and take appropriate measures to assure your family is safe. Remember, JBF cannot sell any items that have been recalled.

[Playskool Travel-Lite Play Yards](#) (portable cribs), March 10, 1993

[Baby Trend Home and Roam](#) (portable cribs), Dec. 19, 1994

[Evenflo Happy Camper Play Yards](#) (portable cribs), June 25, 1997

[Baby Express Portable Cribs and Play Yards](#), Feb. 28, 2001

[Magnetix Magnetic Building Sets](#), March 31, 2006

[Polly Pocket dolls with magnets](#), Nov. 21, 2006

[Easy-Bake Ovens](#), July 19, 2007

[Simplicity Drop Side Cribs](#), Sept. 21, 2007

[Simplicity Bassinets](#), Aug. 27, 2008

[Hill Sportswear hooded drawstring sweatshirts](#), Feb. 12, 2009

[Evenflo Envision high chairs](#), April 2, 2009

For further information:

[www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov) – U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission