



Protecting Children by Improving Children's Product Safety

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**Research on summer injuries shows need for awareness to keep young children safe**

**Chicago** - The summer months are an excellent time for young children and families to play outdoors and engage in different seasonal activities. Kids In Danger (KID) warns that it is also the time of year most commonly associated with injuries for young children. Last summer, children under the age of six sustained 474,417 injuries from June to August. Summer products such as riding toys, playgrounds, pools, and grills are commonly associated with unintentional injuries during this time of year.

KID's report, **Summer Safety: Product injury patterns for children under six** highlights some of the dangers that summer products can pose. The report also provides recent recalls and safety measures that work to reduce the risk of injury for infants, toddlers, and pre-school aged children.

The report specifically looks at 2007 summer emergency room data for children five years old and younger to support the need for further awareness and safer products. "Last summer, young children sustained 17,212 bicycle-related injuries and 1,799 tricycle-related injuries," stated Katie Gulian, the report's author. "While only a quarter of the year, summer accounted for over half the cycling injuries for young children last year," Other findings include:

- Last summer, 11,117 children five years old or younger suffered a pool or swimming-related injury.

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- Playgrounds and other related equipment accounted for 10,912 injuries last summer, 90 percent took place on public equipment.
- Swing set-related injuries totaled 6,470 and about half of them occurred on private swing sets.
- Children sustained 16,596 trampoline-related injuries in total, 48 percent of these injuries occurred from June to August.
- Riding-toy incidents cause more emergency treated injuries than any other toy category and last summer 3,397 children five years old and younger sustained a riding-toy related injury
- Last year, lawn and garden equipment accounted for 4,313 injuries sustained by children under the age of five.
- Recent recalled outdoor products posed hazards such as fall, burn, aspiration, and choking to young children.

KID urges families to become aware of the potential risks some summertime products pose for young children. As stated by Nancy Cowles, executive director at KID, “While summer is a great time to be outside, it is important for families to be cognizant of the risks associated with some summertime products. For families with young children, awareness is crucial and can make a difference in keeping summer both fun and safe.”

To learn more about the risks some summer products pose, recalls, and safety measures that can help reduce summertime injury for young children, download **Summer Safety: Product injury patterns for children under six in the summer months** at [www.KidsInDanger.org](http://www.KidsInDanger.org).

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