



KID and CFA Applaud U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission for Filing Complaint against Leachco Over Infant Loungers Involved in Deaths

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Yesterday, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) [announced](#) that it filed an administrative complaint against Leachco, Inc. regarding its Podster, Podster Plush, Bummzie and Podster Playtime infant loungers.

The agency is aware of at least two infant deaths where babies were placed on Podsters and suffocated. On January 20, 2022, the CPSC issued a [public warning](#) to consumers to stop using these products. Leachco refused to undertake a voluntary recall, and the CPSC's complaint seeks to force Leachco to notify every person to whom the product was sold about the defect and offer consumers a full refund.

"KID applauds the CPSC's decision to take action against Leachco, and calls on the company to immediately recall the defective products," said KID Executive Director Nancy Cowles. "We urge families and childcare facilities who have these loungers to immediately stop using the products."

"Infants are the most vulnerable members of our society. The Commission will not turn a blind eye on products that put them at unnecessary risk, and can lead to parents' worst nightmare," said CPSC Chair Alex Hoehn-Saric in a CPSC [statement](#). "Filing complaints like this one is a last resort when a manufacturer fails to respond to the type of safety concerns raised in this case, yet in the interest of protecting consumers we were left with no other options."

"The CPSC's legal action against Leachco is incredibly important," stated Rachel Weintraub, legislative director and general counsel with Consumer Federation of America. "The CPSC should use all of the tools it has to remove products that pose suffocation risks to infants from the marketplace and from people's homes."

Infants sleep safest on flat surfaces, in products tested and sold specifically for sleep such as cribs, bassinets and play yards. Whenever a baby falls asleep in a non-sleep product, caregivers should move them as soon as possible and place them in a safe sleep product. While the infant lounger company may have warned about sleep, the intuitive use for a newborn lying on a lounger is to let them continue to sleep on it.

For more information on safe sleep, go to [KID's page](#) or the CPSC's [safe sleep information page](#).

Founded in 1998, [Kids In Danger \(KID\)](#) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting children by fighting for product safety. KID's mission is to save lives by enhancing transparency and accountability through safer product development, better education and stronger advocacy for children. KID fulfills its mission by reaching out to caregivers to spread safety awareness and recall information, serving as a watchdog on regulatory agencies and manufacturers, and working with designers and engineers to make safety a top priority. KID analyzes recalled and hazardous children's products and publishes reports for public education with recommendations for policy makers.

The [Consumer Federation of America \(CFA\)](#) is an association of non-profit consumer organizations that was established in 1968 to advance the consumer interest through research, advocacy, and education. Today, nearly 250 of these groups participate in the federation and govern it through their representatives on the organization's Board of Directors. As a research organization, CFA investigates consumer issues, behavior, and attitudes and publishes these findings in reports that assist consumer advocates and policymakers as well as individual consumers. As an advocacy organization, CFA works to advance pro-consumer policies on a variety of issues before Congress, the White House, federal and state regulatory agencies, state legislatures, and the courts. As an educational organization, CFA disseminates information on consumer issues to the public and news media, as well as to policymakers and other public interest advocates. CFA's consumer protection work is based upon the premise that consumers deserve a marketplace characterized by fair treatment and services and safe products.