

CONSUMER AFFAIRS ACT 1973

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY ORDER

Under section 15FD of the Consumer Affairs Act 1973, I impose the following conditions on the supply of baby walkers :

(1)(a) That they have affixed to them a label bearing the following warning :

"WARNING : Avoid injuries. Baby can move fast in this walker. Never leave baby unattended. Do not allow near steps, stairs, heaters, electrical cords or hot objects"; and

- (b) that they are accompanied by legible written instructions and warnings in the English language that provide the following:
- (i) instructions on how the walker is to be assembled (if it is not fully assembled when sold) and the recommended position for use,
 - (ii) instructions on how the walker is to be maintained and cleaned;
 - (iii) instructions on how the walker is to be folded and unfolded (if it is capable of being folded);
 - (iv) instructions on how to adjust the height of the walker (if the height is adjustable)
 - (v) instructions on how to secure the latching or locking mechanism of the walker (if it is equipped with a latching or locking mechanism);
 - (vi) instructions on how to use the restraint system,
 - (vii) instructions on the maximum and minimum weights and heights of children for whom the walker is designed;
 - (viii) a warning that the walker should not be used by a child who can walk unaided;
 - (ix) a warning that the walker should not be used by a child who cannot sit unaided;
 - (x) a warning that the child should never be left unattended in the walker,
 - (xi) a warning that doors to stairways should be closed and barriers should be in place across open stairways and steps while a child is using the walker;
 - (xii) a warning that electrical cords and heaters, fireplaces and other hot objects or substances that may be dangerous, should be guarded or put out of reach of a child using the walker;
 - (xiii) a warning that the walker should not be used (whether indoors or outdoors) on surfaces that have any obstructions that could cause the walker to tip over;

- (xiv) a warning that the walker should never be carried with a child in it;
 - (xv) a warning that both feet of the child who is in the walker should be able to touch the ground;
 - (xvi) a warning that the walker should not be used if it is damaged or broken;
 - (xvii) a warning that the walker should not be adjusted with a child in it (if it is capable of being adjusted);
 - (xviii) a warning that care must be taken while folding and unfolding the walker to prevent fingers being caught (if it is capable of being folded); and
- (c) that the written instructions are accompanied by line drawings, photographs or symbols if those instructions are not by themselves sufficient to explain the steps required.
- (2) That a label referred to in paragraph (1)(a) must;
- (a) be permanently affixed; and
 - (b) bear the word "WARNING" in upper case red letters not less than 5 millimetres high on a white background; and
 - (c) bear the remaining words in upper or lower case letters not less than 2.5 millimetres high; and
 - (d) be conspicuously displayed.
- (3) That the instructions and warnings referred to in paragraph (1)(b) must be provided with the baby walker in the form of an accompanying leaflet or swing tag.
- (4) For the purposes of this order;
"baby walker" means a device that is propelled by the movement of a child and consists of a frame on wheels designed to support, inside the frame and with his or her feet touching the ground, a child who has not learned to walk unaided.

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