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SAFETY ALERT

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Recently, manufacturers and vendors have recalled various consumer items due to the discovery that they contain lead that exceeds safe levels set by the Consumer Products Safety Commission. Lead and other metals are commonly used as stabilizers during the manufacturing process or are contained in paints and other coatings. Recalled items have included jewelry, back packs, lunchbags, clothing, toys and a variety of other products. All of these products were manufactured outside of the United States.

Lead and other harmful substances in these products can be hazardous to children by direct contact or through dust released as the items age and deteriorate.

In order to reduce the risk of exposure, products manufactured outside of the United States should not be purchased or distributed unless the proposed vendor or manufacturer furnishes a report from a testing laboratory, and certification by the laboratory that the components of the finished product have been tested and:

1. Comply with applicable sections of ASTM 963.07(e)1.
2. Do not contain substances that exceed the levels permitted in California Proposition 65 (Title 22, CCR, Section 12000).
3. Comply with applicable requirements of the Consumer Products Safety Commission.

Contact the Office of Environmental Health & Safety (OEHS) at 213-241-3199 if you have questions or need assistance with this procedure.

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