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TO: ALL JOB CORPS NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF
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SUBJECT: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Product Recalls

1. Purpose. To inform Job Corps centers about where to find the latest information about consumer product safety, including product safety recalls, standards, and research.
2. Background. In recent months, the manufacturers of Mattel and Fisher-Price toy brands announced massive product recalls of several popular toys due to potential choking and lead exposure hazards to young children. Last week, 1 million Simplicity cribs were recalled due to failure of the drop side, which can create a dangerous gap and lead to the entrapment and suffocation of infants. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of serious injury or death from more than 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. The CPSC issues product-specific recalls when a product presents a significant risk of fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazards.
3. Action. Job Corps centers are advised to visit the CPSC Web site, <http://www.cpsc.gov/>, on a regular basis to obtain the latest information about recent consumer product recalls. All recalled items should be removed from service immediately and handled in accordance with the specific recall announcement.

Addressees are to ensure that this Information Notice is distributed to all appropriate staff.

4. Expiration Date. Until superseded.

5. Inquiries. Inquiries should be directed to Marsha Fitzhugh at (202) 693-3099 or fitzhugh.marsha@dol.gov, or Kelley Clark at (202) 693-3089 or clark.kelley@dol.gov, or Heather Edmonds at (202) 693-3774 or edmonds.heather@dol.gov.