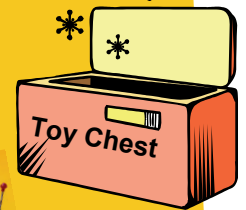




Champ talks about Recalled Products



Hi Kids! I have some important news to share with you and your second assignment as my helper. Do you know what a recall is? I learned what recalls are a couple of months ago when my dog food was not on the shelf in the grocery store when my mom went to buy it. I was disappointed. However, it was a good thing because when an item (like dog food) is taken off the shelves in all the stores, it's because something is wrong with it. There is a big agency in Washington, D.C. called the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) who decides when an item has to be removed from the stores. Then, the nice people I work with at the New York State Consumer Protection Board (CPB) make sure that consumers find out about it, even kids!

You may have already heard about recalls on T.V. or maybe mom, dad or another adult had to take a toy away from you because it was not considered safe with which to play. Recalls not only affect grown-ups but kids too as you have your own stuff, like toys. However, we are very lucky that the government checks our food and toys to make sure these things are safe. Also, when they do find a problem they tell everyone right away and do not allow people to buy any more of the unsafe stuff at the store.

While I hope that none of your toys are considered unsafe, I still want to make sure that you, and your family, know about toy safety. So, I have made a list that you and your mom, dad, or another adult can fill out to keep track of all your toys. Then, if you hear about a toy being recalled, you can check your list and see if it is there. It is also a fun way to clean out your toys and decide with which ones you still want to play. Your job as my helper is to print out this fun chart and tell your family and friends about it so they can do their own. Please ask mom and dad to look at the CPB home page with you at www.nysconsumer.gov for lots of information on toy and other product recalls.

Thanks and have fun! **CHAMP**  **Woof!**



