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Health District Warns Residents About Lead and Product Recalls

The Central Connecticut Health District is advising residents of two products recently recalled by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission because they contain high amounts of lead. Lead is a toxic substance that can cause a number of adverse health effects in both adults and children, but children are especially susceptible to the adverse health effects associated with lead poisoning because the lead can gradually accumulate in their nervous system as their bodies develop.

The recalled products include Mood Necklaces and Diva Necklaces imported by Really Useful Products Inc., of Darien, Ill. The recalled Mood Necklaces are multi-colored pendants shaped as hearts, moons, shamrocks, spiders, butterflies and lizards that hang from a black chord. The packaging is a black cardboard wrapped in plastic with "Mood Necklace" printed on the front and "Item # JW41001" and "UPC number 898846410011" printed on a sticker on the back. The recalled Diva Necklaces consist of pendants shaped as the words "ANGEL" or "Diva" that hang from a black chord. The packaging is pink cardboard with "Hand Painted" and "Diva Necklace" printed on the front, and "Item # 21800020" and "UPC number 898846200186" printed on the back. These necklaces were sold from September 2004 through November 2006 for about \$1 at children's, dollar, and discount stores nationwide. Consumers should immediately take this jewelry away from children and return the recalled jewelry to the store where purchased for a full refund. Consumers also can contact Really Useful Products for information on how to receive a full refund at (888) 484-3444 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. CST, Monday through Friday or visit the firm's Web site at www.ruproducts.com.

A second recall involves Antique White furniture from the Cottage Collection imported by The Land of Nod®, of Northbrook, Illinois, which sold from September 2003 to August 2006 at prices ranging from \$50 to \$1,100. Consumers should check the item number on a label located on the back of the product and contact the Land of Nod® immediately to determine whether their furniture is included in this recall. If a particular item is included in this recall, consumers should stop using the furniture. The Land of Nod® will arrange for an exchange, credit or refund and offer consumers a gift card to be used toward a future purchase. The Land of Nod®'s can be called toll-free number at (866) 990-5263, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT, or may be contacted through e-mail at recall@landofnod.com.

Additional information about the recalled products or lead poisoning is available by contacting the Central Connecticut Health District at 860-721-2822 or at www.ccthd.org.