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Children's Hooded Sweatshirts with Drawstrings Recalled by Sunsations Due to Strangulation Hazard

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

Name of product: Children's hooded sweatshirts with drawstrings

Units: About 3,600

Retailer: Sunsations Inc., of Virginia Beach, Va.

Hazard: The hooded sweatshirts have drawstrings through the hood which can pose a strangulation or entrapment hazard to children. In February 1996, CPSC issued guidelines (<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/pubs/208.pdf>), which were incorporated into an industry voluntary standard in 1997, to help prevent children from strangling or getting entangled on the neck and waist drawstrings in upper garments, such as jackets and sweatshirts.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported

Description: The recall involves children's and juniors hooded sweatshirts sold in sizes small, medium and large that can fit children in a large range of sizes from 2T through 12. "Virginia Beach," "Ocean City," "Nags Head" or "Kill Devil Hills" are printed on the front. The following style and items numbers are included in the recall and are printed on a tag sewn into the sweatshirt's neck: BL200 (item #16692) in black, style BL300 (item #16693) in brown and style 292 (item #20221) which come in navy blue, pink and light blue.

Sold at: Sunsations stores in Virginia Beach, Va; Ocean City, Md; and Nags Head and Kill Devil Hills, N.C. from May 2009 through November 2010 for between \$10 and \$25.

Manufactured in: Pakistan

Remedy: Consumers should immediately remove the drawstring from the sweatshirt to eliminate the hazard or return the sweatshirt to Sunsations for a full refund.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Sunsations at (800) 786-9044 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, visit the firm's website at www.sunsationsusa.com or email the firm at info@sunsationsusa.com.



CPSC is still interested in receiving incident or injury reports that are either directly related to this product recall or involve a different hazard with the same product. Please tell us about it by visiting <https://www.cpsc.gov/cgibin/incident.aspx>

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death associated with the use of the thousands of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. Deaths, injuries and property damage from consumer product incidents cost the nation more than \$800 billion annually. The CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard. CPSC's work to ensure the safety of consumer products - such as toys, cribs, power tools, cigarette lighters, and household chemicals - contributed to a significant decline in the rate of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products over the past 30 years.

Under federal law, it is illegal to attempt to sell or re-sell this or any other recalled product.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's Hotline at (800) 638-2772, teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270, or visit www.cpsc.gov/talk.html. Consumers can obtain this press release and recall information at www.cpsc.gov. To join a free e-mail subscription list, please go to www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx.

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