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Quality Care For Kids

A newsletter for Scott County Child Care Providers

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Call your Child Care Nurse Consultant if you have any questions about child health and safety, or any special training needs



CPSC Recalls

The Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC) regulates the sale and manufacture of more than 15,000 consumer products. The CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that are unsafe and pose a risk for injury or death. Products include toys, cribs, equipment, bicycles, and many of the household items you use every day. The CPSC recalls unsafe products and alerts the public however in a recent report by Kids in Danger, an organization devoted to children's safety and recall awareness, found that only

10% of recalled kids products are repaired, replaced or refunded. According to CPSC when an unsafe product is recalled, companies have 3 options for consumers: refund, replacement, or repair. Unfortunately, many times parents, grandparents, caregivers, and consumers are not aware of the recall or don't take action to respond to the recall. Although it is illegal to sell a recalled product, often unknowingly recalled products are sold at garage sales, thrift stores, and on websites. In 2013, 13 recalled toys/equipment were found in use in Clinton and

Jackson child care sites. Child Care providers are encouraged to sign up for Free CPSC Recall Alerts at www.cpsc.gov and to avoid purchasing used toys and equipment without first checking if the item has been recalled. Concerned? Contact your local child care nurse consultant for a free toy and equipment check.



Fever and Pain Medication Dosing

In 2012, liquid acetaminophen (Tylenol® and other brands) concentrations were changed and all liquid acetaminophen products for children under the age of 12 are now being manufactured and sold in the 160mg/5ml strength. The "old" infant drops that were 3 times the strength of liquid acetaminophen are no longer available. However liquid ibuprofen (Advil®, Motrin® and other brands) are still available in infant drops in 40mg/1 ml. Unfortunately there is still some confusion regarding correct dosage for both acetaminophen and ibuprofen used for pain and reducing fever. The way to prevent dosing errors and to make sure that you are giving the correct medication and dose to children in

your care is to do the following:

- * All medications must be in their original container with the label intact.
- * All medications should be labeled with the child's name.
- * Do not give medications that are expired.
- * Read all medications labels for correct dosing amounts per age/weight of the child.
- * Use correct dosing devices (i.e.: oral syringe, medication spoons with dosing marks).
- * Keep all medications out of reach of children.
- * A parent/guardian must completely fill out and sign a medication report form.

Go to www.idph.state.ia.us/hcci/products.asp to print a free Monthly Medication Report form or contact your local CCNC.

I-Smile™

Interested in tooth brushing? Guidance for implementing a tooth brushing program in child care, including supplies and storage, is available. I-Smile™ can also link families to local dentists and offer dental education for kids. To learn more, contact I-Smile™ Coordinator Briana Boswell, at (563) 326-8645 or Jessica Redden at (563) 326-8618 Ext. 8821