

## **URGENT CONSUMER ALERT**

### **Children's Hooded 'Brooklyn Xpress' Sweatshirts Recalled *CAC says 'no strings in the hoods'***

The Consumer Affairs Commission (CAC) has received news from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission in Washington, that yet another brand of children's hooded sweatshirts with drawstrings has been recalled due to a strangulation hazard.

The CPSC in cooperation with Seena of New York, the importers of the 'Brooklyn Xpress' sweatshirts yesterday announced a voluntary recall. In February 1996, CPSC issued guidelines to help prevent children from strangling or getting entangled on the neck and waist by drawstrings in upper garments, such as jackets and sweatshirts. No incidents or injuries have been reported.

While there are no guidelines for local clothing designed for children, the CAC is recommending that parents should not allow any child under eight years old to wear clothing with strings at the neck. Parents should note that strangulation is also possible if the string becomes entangled while the child is attempting to remove the jacket.

This week is Earthquake Awareness Week during which time the temperature is usually hot and dry but the unpredictable weather pattern of 2006 has somehow followed into the start of 2007 as we have been having damp, bleak days and rain. So we have to bundle up the little ones in jackets and sweaters to counteract the chilliness of the damp mornings. Check to ensure that your toddler did not receive any drawstring jackets for Christmas. If they did, return the item immediately, if bought locally or remove the string before your child wears it to school.

## **WHAT DOES 'BKLYN Express' SWEATSHIRTS LOOK LIKE?**

The CPSC states that the specific recall item is described as children's fleece hooded sweatshirts, sizes 8-12. The sweatshirts were sold in black, brown, blue, red, grey, white and off-white. The words "BKLYN Express" and "Brooklyn Xpress" and various graphic designs are embroidered on the sweatshirts. A sewn-in tag has one of the following style numbers: BXFL72B, BXFL73B, BXFL74B, BXFL75B, BXFL77B or BXFL80B. This recall only involves sweatshirts in sizes 8 to 12.

The CAC has noted that these sweatshirts are manufactured in China are sold at stores in the US that are popular among Jamaican shoppers including Ross Stores & Gordman's, from September 2006 through December 2006 for about \$25.

For additional information, contact Seena International toll-free at (866) 927-5596 between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Contact:**  
**Dorothy E. Campbell**  
**Communication Specialist**  
**1B Holborn Road**  
**Kingston 10**  
**Tel: 926-1650-2**  
**Fax: 968-8729**  
**[info\\_c@consumeraffairsjamaica.gov.jm](mailto:info_c@consumeraffairsjamaica.gov.jm)**