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### **PORTABLE COT RECALLED FOLLOWING INFANT'S DEATH**

Minister for Consumer Affairs, Jennifer Rankine, is alerting South Australian parents to a portable cot recall, following the death of a 10 month-old child in the United States.

Born with Style Pty Ltd, the Australian distributor for Kolcraft baby products, has recalled the 'Jeep Sahara' portable cot because a restraint strap hanging from the detachable change table is a potential strangulation hazard.

Ms Rankine is appealing to parents and caregivers to follow the recall advice and immediately cut the restraint strap.

"The change table can be placed across the cot, and has a restraint strap which, when slackened, forms a loop beneath the change table. This poses a strangulation hazard to a child playing in the cot."

A warning label on the cot instructs parents not to put a baby inside the cot while the change table is attached.

"The strap should be removed immediately and the change table should not be used until the replacement strap has been fitted. Parents are also advised to always remove the change table attachment before placing a child in the cot."

"Unfortunately one child overseas has died, with no reported incidents here in South Australia."

Born with Style Pty Ltd reports that approximately 1800 Jeep Sahara portable cots have been sold across Australia including speciality baby stores.

As matter of priority, the Office of Consumer and Business Affairs (OCBA) will be conducting a survey examining cots and portable cots sold with attachments to assess potential hazards to children.

Consumers who have the Jeep Sahara portable cot should request a replacement non-looped strap from Born with Style Pty Ltd, telephone 1300 885 337.

For more information about recalled and dangerous items consumers can contact OCBA on 8152 0732 or visit [www.ocba.sa.gov.au](http://www.ocba.sa.gov.au) or visit [www.recalls.gov.au](http://www.recalls.gov.au).