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## **DANGEROUS DUMMIES PULLED OFF SHELVES**

Dummies that present a choking hazard for babies have been removed from shelves at a discount store this week.

Consumer Affairs Minister Gail Gago says that the *Baby Joy 2pc Orthodontic Pacifier* and *Baby Pacifier 2 Pack* are being recalled because the dummy shields are too small and the teats could easily tear and detach.

“Many parents use dummies to help pacify their little ones, and the last thing we want is for part of a dummy to lodge in a baby’s throat or lungs,” says Minister Gago.

Product safety inspectors from the Office of Consumer and Business Affairs (OCBA) acted on information from their New South Wales colleagues about the dummy pack being recalled, and found that a number of South Australian businesses had been supplied with potentially unsafe stock.

“OCBA’s product safety inspectors promptly visited stores to make sure products were being recalled, but found one retailer had non-compliant Baby Joy dummies still for sale,” says the Minister.

“The dummies were seized by the inspectors, and OCBA is considering what action should be taken against the trader for selling items that don’t comply with a mandatory safety standard.”

Traders risk a maximum penalty of \$10,000 under the *Trade Standards Act 1979* if they supply products that don’t meet safety requirements.

Minister Gago says traders have a responsibility to sell products that are safe, and when they have specifically been advised about a product that does not meet safety standards then they should immediately remove that item from sale.

“I am extremely disappointed traders still sell non-compliant baby products and this shows little regard for the safety of young children,” says Minister Gago.

To report concerns about unsafe items for babies consumers can contact OCBA’s product safety section on 8152 0732, or 131 882 for country callers. A list of banned and regulated products can be found on OCBA’s website at [www.ocba.sa.gov.au](http://www.ocba.sa.gov.au)