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Safety covers for Maclaren prams to prevent injuries

Parents are urged to get a free safety cover if they have a Maclaren brand stroller, to prevent little fingers from being caught in the stroller's hinge.

Maclaren USA announced earlier this week they would offer a safety kit to consumers in the United States after 12 reports there of finger tip amputations, and the Australian supplier, Childcare Nursery Products (CNP Brands), is now matching that arrangement by offering the safety kit to Australian consumers.

Product Safety officers from the Office of Consumer and Business Affairs (OCBA) inspected the stroller and found that it complies with the mandatory safety standard for strollers. However there is always a safety risk when children get their fingers too close to a stroller while it is being folded, unfolded or adjusted.

No complaints relating to these strollers have been reported to South Australian consumer authorities.

Acting Commissioner for Consumer Affairs, Anne Gale says she is pleased the Australian supplier is offering a safety kit to Australian consumers as an additional safety measure.

"The last thing we want is for our children to get hurt by a stroller, and so I urge parents to contact the supplier to get their free safety cover."

The 'elbow joint' safety kit is available to parents who purchased any Maclaren stroller since 1999.

Ms Gale said "Parents should be vigilant when folding and unfolding their stroller to avoid little fingers becoming caught."

"Parents considering buying a new Maclaren stroller should first check that it will be supplied with the safety kit."

The supplier advises that no new stock will be released from their warehouse until repair kits have been installed.

To request a free elbow joint safety kit consumers can phone CNP Brands on 1300 667 137 or visit www.childcareproducts.com.au For more information about product safety issues contact OCBA's product safety section on 8152 0732 or visit www.ocba.sa.gov.au

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