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CPSC and Chance Rides Manufacturing Announce Recall to Inspect and Repair YO-YO Amusement Rides

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Chance Rides Manufacturing Inc. (CRM), of Wichita, Kansas is voluntarily recalling to inspect and repair about 85 YO-YO amusement rides across the country.

CPSC has received reports of two incidents involving the YO-YO ride resulting in injuries to children and adults, including scraped knees and back strains. On May 16, 2008, 23 riders of a YO-YO ride in Angels Camp, Calif. fell to the ground when the sweep arms suspending the circular swinging chairs they were riding in broke free from the ride's center cylinder rod. The inspection program will focus on preventing future failures.

CRM is offering ride owners and state safety officials inspection/repair kits and new inspection and maintenance guidelines. To receive the inspection/repair kit or for more information, owners and state safety officials can contact CRM at (800) 242-6231 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday.

CPSC is working with state regulators and insurance providers to ensure that these safety inspections and modifications are conducted. While CPSC has jurisdiction over mobile amusement rides and conducts incident investigations, states and local communities are responsible for inspections and oversight of rides such as the YO-YO.

For more information about which states have amusement ride inspection programs and which agencies carry out that responsibility, CPSC has published a Directory of State Amusement Ride Safety Officials (August 2008), which can be downloaded at www.cpsc.gov/CPSCPUB/PUBS/amuse.pdf (pdf).