

# Consumer Product Safety Alert

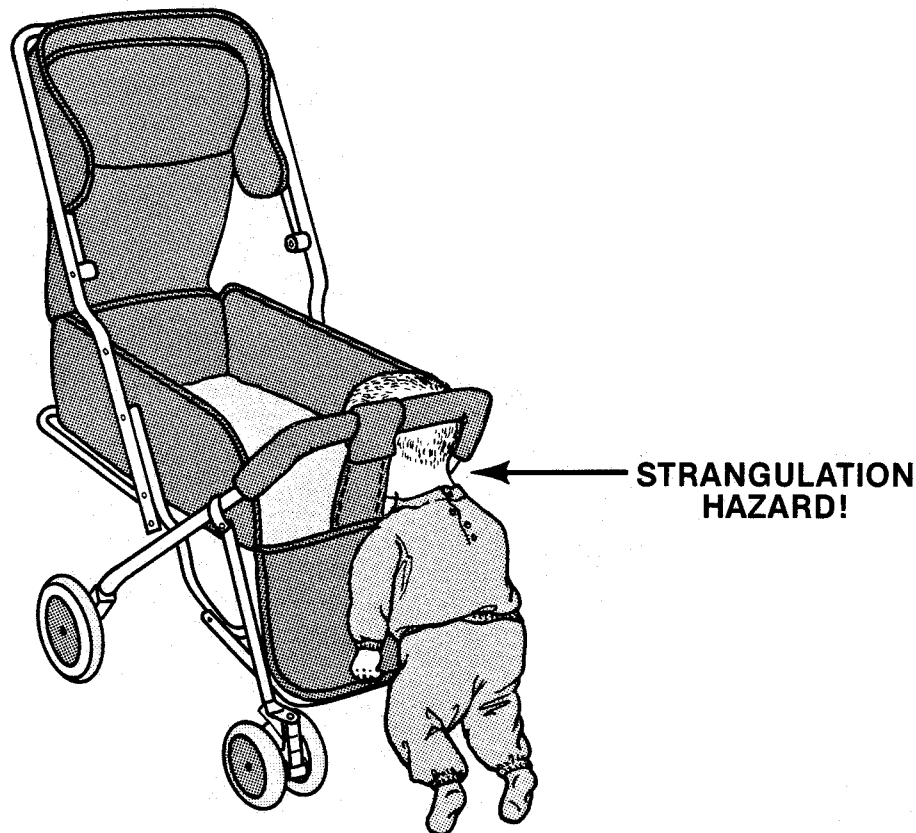
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## Infants Can Die When Their Heads Become Trapped in Strollers

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) warns that babies can die if they are left unattended to sleep in strollers. They may slip feet first, through a leg opening, and become entrapped by the head between the seat and the handrest bar. In a recent one-year period, an estimated 14,400 children under age 5 were treated in hospital emergency rooms for injuries associated with strollers. Most of the injuries resulted from falls, and almost 90 percent of the fall injuries were to the head. On average, about two children die each year from stroller-related incidents. Many of these deaths happen when children are left unattended to sleep in strollers reclined to the “car-

riage” position. They may slip feet first through a leg opening and become entrapped by the head between the seat and restraint bar. To avoid incidents of entrapment in stroller leg openings, CPSC advises infant caretakers to:

1. **Never** leave a child unattended in a stroller. This is especially important if the stroller seat’s backrest is in the flat “carriage” position.
2. Be aware that infants only a few weeks old can creep or move when asleep. The youngest victim was an infant just seven weeks old.



**NEVER** leave a child unattended in a stroller because the child may slip into a leg opening, become entrapped by the head, and die.