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### Girls' Hooded Sweatshirts Recalled by Weeplay Kids Due to Strangulation Hazard

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

**Name of Product:** Hooded Sweatshirts with Drawstrings

**Units:** About 11,800

**Distributor:** Weeplay Kids LLC, of New York, N.Y.

**Hazard:** The sweatshirts have drawstrings through the hood which poses a strangulation hazard to children. In February 1996, CPSC issued [guidelines](#) (pdf) (which were incorporated into an industry voluntary standard in 1997) to help prevent children from strangling or getting entangled in the neck and waist drawstrings in upper garments, such as jackets or sweatshirts.

**Incidents/Injuries:** None reported.

**Description:** This recall involves girl's sweatshirts sold under the Candy Queen and Akademiks brand names. Sweatshirts included in this recall have style numbers Q37519, A22090, A393343-3, A79405-226 and A79462-1. The sweatshirts were sold in sizes 2T through 16.

**Sold at:** Small retail stores nationwide from February 2008 through November 2008 for between \$5 and \$22.

**Manufactured in:** China and Pakistan

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately remove the drawstrings to eliminate the hazard. Consumers can return the garment to Weeplay Kids or the place of purchase for a full refund.

**Consumer Contact:** For additional information, contact Weeplay Kids at (800) 505-0490 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at [www.weeplaykids.com](http://www.weeplaykids.com)



CPSC is still interested in receiving incident or injury reports that are either directly related to this product recall or involve a different hazard with the same product. Please tell us about it by visiting <https://www.cpsc.gov/cqibin/incident.aspx>

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of serious injury or death from thousands of types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. The CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard. The CPSC's work to ensure the safety of consumer products - such as toys, cribs, power tools, cigarette lighters, and household chemicals - contributed significantly to the decline in the rate of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products over the past 30 years.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's Hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (301) 595-7054. To join a CPSC e-mail subscription list, please go to <https://www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx>. Consumers can obtain recall and general safety information by logging on to CPSC's Web site at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov).