

Cadmium and lead found in drinking glasses

Drinking glasses depicting comic book and movie characters such as Superman and Wonder Woman exceed federal limits for lead in children's products by up to 1,000 times, according to lab testing commissioned by The Associated Press.

The decorative enamel on the glasses contained between 16 percent and 30.2 percent lead. The federal limit on children's products is 0.03 percent.

Federal regulators have worried that toxic metals rubbing onto children's hands can get into their mouths. Among the brands on those glasses: Coca-Cola, Walt Disney, Burger King and McDonald's.

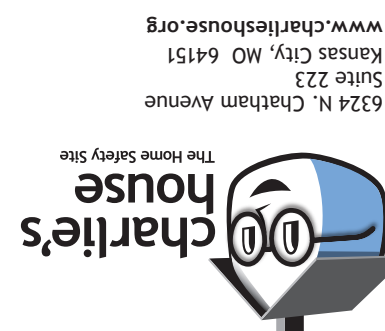
The Coca-Cola Co. announced that after retesting, they are voluntarily recalling 88,000 glasses over concerns regarding the mainly red glass in a four-glass set.

If you have any of these glasses, you should return them to the store where they were purchased or throw them in the trash. Make sure these do not end up in your discard box for give away to charity.

The Kansas City, Missouri Health Department also offers free product testing to test for lead levels. To schedule an appointment, call 816-513-6047. For more information about the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, visit the Health Department website at www.kcmo.org/health.

For the most recent recall information, visit charlieshouse.org > **safety** > **alerts**.

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Charlie's House was named in honor of Charlie Horn, a 2 year old boy, who was killed in 2007 when a small dresser in his bedroom fell on him.

The mission of Charlie's House is to prevent injuries to children in and around the home. Within the next 12 to 24 months, we plan to open a safety demonstration house in Greater Kansas City where caregivers can experience firsthand how to safety-proof their homes. In the meantime, we will continue with our education and awareness initiatives to keep children safe.



Charlie's House Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization.

Charlie's Boutique is Almost Here!

Shop, eat and enjoy ... all for a great cause. Charlie's Boutique is a unique opportunity for you and your friends to enjoy wine and appetizers while shopping exclusive vendors.

Charlie's Boutique is Thursday, April 28, 2011 from 5:30-9 p.m. at The Clubhouse on Baltimore - Tudor Room, 1228 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64105.

Proceeds benefit Charlie's House, dedicated to preventing injuries to children in and around the home.

Purchase your tickets now (\$60 in advance; \$75 at the door)! Visit <http://www.charlieshouse.com/charlies-boutique>

We'll see you there!

For more information on Charlie's Boutique or Charlie's House, contact Annette Teson, Executive Director, at (913) 375-7123.

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Safety Demo April 16th

Spring is in the air, and Charlie's House wants to help you keep your family safe. Charlie's House will be hosting a live demonstration at the Nuts and Bolts store at College & Antioch in Overland Park, Saturday, April 16th from 9am-12pm. The demos will focus on outdoor home safety, including keeping children safe from pesticides, fertilizers and lawnmowers. You can also find tips on outdoor grilling safety. Free furniture straps will be available. Bring the family and get set for warm weather safety!

carbon monoxide: protect your family

The Kansas City Missouri Health Department urges families to keep themselves safe from the danger of carbon monoxide poisoning. Hundreds of people die each year from carbon monoxide poisoning. However, it is a preventable hazard.

Carbon monoxide is a gas created when any fuel such as gas, oil, kerosene, wood, or charcoal is burned. You cannot smell or taste it.

At moderate levels of exposure to carbon monoxide, people can suffer severe headaches, become dizzy, mentally confused, nauseated, or faint. Low levels can cause shortness of breath, nausea, and headaches, and may have long term health effects.

People may not realize they are being exposed since many of the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are similar to those of the flu, food poisoning, or other illnesses. Extreme exposures to carbon monoxide can be deadly.

Some people try to warm their homes using unapproved devices indoors, such as charcoal grills, unvented gas or kerosene heaters, cooking stoves/ovens, or gas-powered generators. Using devices indoors for this purpose is dangerous, and can lead to high levels of carbon monoxide accumulating quickly in the home.

Some Helpful Tips to Protect Your Family From Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

- Have your furnace and other gas appliances installed by a professional and inspected yearly before use
- Always vent gas-burning appliances to the outside
- Never use a gas stove for heating the house, even for a short time
- Avoid using unvented fireplaces
- Never grill inside the house or garage
- Do not warm cars up in the garage
- Never use a gas-powered generator in the house
- Install a carbon monoxide detector near sleeping areas

spring cleaning safety



It's spring cleaning time! It's also a good time to be aware of cleaning hazards and home safety. Keep safety in mind and follow these tips from the Home Safety Council:

When cleaning out closets or re-organizing things, always keep stairs, steps, landings and all floors clear.

Five gallon buckets are often used while cleaning. Remember that buckets present a serious drowning danger to young children. Never leave a bucket or any standing water unattended. Store empty buckets upside-down.

When you clean out your cabinets, look at the labels on the products. If you see the words "Caution," "Warning," "Danger," "Poison," or "Keep Out of Reach of Children," be very careful. These products should be locked up when you are not using them.

Remember to put things away so people cannot trip on them. Safely tuck away telephone and electrical cords out of walkways. Make sure toys and other items are always safely put away when not in use.

Learn more about safe spring cleaning at <http://www.homesafetycouncil.org>

Use this handy list to help make your home safer:

Garage & Laundry Area

- Are all tools and supplies used for gardening, automotive, and lawn care stored safely away from children?
- Are all hazardous automotive, pool, and gardening products in a locked area?
- Are recycling containers storing glass and metal out of reach? Are garbage cans covered?
- Are all bleaches, detergents, and any other cleaning products out of reach?
- Are laundry chutes locked with childproof locks?

Bathroom

- Is the thermostat on the hot water heater set below 120° F (49° C)?
- Are razor blades, nail scissors, and other sharp tools stored in a locked cabinet?
- Are childproof latches installed on all drawers and cabinets?
- Do the outlets have ground fault circuit interrupters (which protect against electrocution if an electrical appliance gets wet)?
- Are toilets always left closed? Is there a toilet-lid lock on the toilet?
- Are all hair dryers, curling irons, and electric razors unplugged when not in use?
- Are there nonskid strips on the bottoms of bathtubs?
- Are there nonslip pads under rugs to hold them securely to the floor?
- Are all prescription and nonprescription medications, cosmetics, and cleaners stored in a locked cabinet? Are childproof caps on all medications?
- Are bottles of mouthwash, perfumes, hair dyes, hair sprays, nail polishes, and nail polish removers stored in a locked cabinet?

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Charlie's House is a 501(c)(3) organization and fully operates on the generous donations from others to fulfill our mission. A great way to help Charlie's House is by becoming a Charlie's Angel. Charlie's Angels is the unique annual giving club dedicated to supporting Charlie's House. Members of Charlie's Angels show their commitment to the Charlie's House mission through their annual contribution. See the box to the right for special giving levels and their benefits.

You can contribute online by visiting charlieshouse.org and clicking on the "Donate Now" button. You can also mail a contribution.

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Please make checks payable to Charlie's House.

Earn Your Harp \$ 100 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advance notice of upcoming Charlie's House events • Subscription to the Charlie's House newsletter 	Receive Your Halo \$ 250 <p>All of the above plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation to the Charlie's House Annual Meeting and celebration • Name listed on the Roll of Donors on the Charlie's House website
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Would you like to know more about Charlie's House?

If you are part of a civic or social group and would like more information about in-home safety and our organization, please email us to schedule a speaker: mcollins@charlieshouse.org