January 25, 2024

The Honorable Alexander Hoehn-Saric, Chairman
The Honorable Peter Feldman, Commissioner
The Honorable Richard Trumka, Jr., Commissioner
The Honorable Mary Boyle, Commissioner
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
4330 East-West Highway
Bethesda, MD 20814

Dear Chairman Hoehn-Saric and Commissioners Feldman, Trumka, and Boyle:

Consumer Reports, the independent, nonprofit, and nonpartisan organization, writes regarding the Kids2 Ingenuity Dream & Grow Bedside Bassinet (Ingenuity bassinet) and Halo BassiNest Flex Portable Bassinet (Halo bassinet), which may not provide a level sleeping surface for infants. Expert medical guidance states that a firm, flat, noninclined sleeping surface is a key characteristic of a safe infant sleep environment that can help to reduce a baby’s risk of injury or death, including from sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS). We urge the CPSC to investigate and push for recalls of these bassinets to protect babies from potentially unsafe sleep spaces.

CR’s recent analysis of SaferProducts.gov reports and publicly available reviews found numerous complaints connecting these two bassinets to hazards that could create an unsafe sleep environment for infants. These reports suggest that the Ingenuity and Halo bassinets may lack stability because of their cantilevered designs and may not provide a level sleeping surface. Specifically, the instability of the bassinets may create an incline that can cause babies to roll over onto their stomachs or roll into the corner of the sleep surface, increasing the risk of suffocation.

We reviewed the December 2021 letter from CPSC staff to the Chair of the ASTM Subcommittee on Bassinets and Cradles, which raised concerns regarding the design of cantilever bassinets, generally, and identified four infant deaths that occurred between 2019 and 2021. We also reviewed the more recent CPSC staff letter sent in April 2023 expressing similar concerns.

CR has identified that at least two infant deaths are linked to the Ingenuity bassinet. In each case, the baby was put to sleep on their back, but was later found on their stomach. We have found hundreds of consumer reviews of both the Ingenuity and Halo bassinets stating that they would not stay level, causing the baby to roll over onto their side or stomach. On December 20, 2023, a proposed class action lawsuit was filed against Halo, alleging that the Halo BassiNest Flex
Portable Bassinet is a “dangerously defective bedside bassinet” that tilts when in use, “leading to infants rolling from their backs to dangerous sleep positions and putting them at risk of SIDS.”

Consumer Reports also evaluated the bassinets in one of our labs to further assess their reported hazards. CR’s technical experts noted that the sleep surface of each product tilted significantly when weight was added, supporting parent concerns reported on SaferProducts.gov and in online reviews.

Consumer Reports appreciates the April 2023 letter from CPSC staff to leaders of the ASTM bassinet subcommittee that makes recommendations to further strengthen the standard. We support CPSC staff’s recommendation of a maximum lateral angle of 0 degrees, with a tolerance not to exceed 1 degree. This change to the current performance requirements is necessary to help address product designs that may create an unsafe sleep environment for infants.

Due to the risk that the Kids2 Ingenuity Dream & Grow Bedside Bassinet and Halo BassiNest Flex Portable Bassinet may put babies in unsafe sleep environments, we respectfully ask the CPSC to conduct investigations of the products and push for them to be recalled.

Thank you for your attention to these products, and please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

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SaferProducts.gov public reports about potential tilt or rollover:

Kids2 Ingenuity Dream & Grow Bedside Bassinet

1. Report Number: 20190902-A262A-2147377928  
   Report Date: 9/2/2019  
   Report First Publication Date: 10/15/2019  
   Link: https://www.saferproducts.gov/PublicSearch/Detail?ReportId=1899926

2. Report Number: 20190505-1DB9D-2147381212  
   Report Date: 5/5/2019  
   Report First Publication Date: 5/28/2019  
   Link: https://www.saferproducts.gov/PublicSearch/Detail?ReportId=1871672

3. Report Number: 20200212-1D1BC-2147374867  
   Report Date: 2/12/2020  
   Report First Publication Date: 3/21/2020  
   Link: https://www.saferproducts.gov/PublicSearch/Detail?ReportId=1953294

   Report Date: 1/6/2020  
   Report First Publication Date: 2/20/2020  
   Link: https://www.saferproducts.gov/PublicSearch/Detail?ReportId=1935237

5. Report Number: 20211001-1002D-2147359342  
   Report Date: 10/1/2021  
   Report First Publication Date: 11/8/2021  
   Link: https://www.saferproducts.gov/PublicSearch/Detail?ReportId=3455416

6. Report Number: 20210308-69DCC-2147365475  
   Report Date: 3/8/2021  
   Report First Publication Date: 4/1/2021  
   Link: https://www.saferproducts.gov/PublicSearch/Detail?ReportId=3098876

7. Report Number: 20220301-F5458-2147357394  
   Report Date:  
   Report First Publication Date:  
   Link: https://www.saferproducts.gov/PublicSearch/Detail?ReportId=3616505

8. Report Number: 20220214-88CE4-2147357586  
   Report Date: 3/1/2022  
   Report First Publication Date: 3/21/2022  
   Link: https://www.saferproducts.gov/PublicSearch/Detail?ReportId=3602380

   Report Date: 1/6/2023
Halo BassiNest Flex Portable Bassinet

1. Report Number: 20210617-4A5A6-2147363451
   Report Date: 6/17/2021
   Report First Publication Date: 7/8/2021
   Link: https://www.saferproducts.gov/PublicSearch/Detail?ReportId=3355424

2. Report Number: 20220602-E2D09-2147355834
   Report Date: 6/5/2022
   Report First Publication Date: 6/27/2022
   Link: https://www.saferproducts.gov/PublicSearch/Detail?ReportId=3766490

   Report Date: 1/23/2023
   Report First Publication Date: 2/17/2023
   Link: https://www.saferproducts.gov/PublicSearch/Detail?ReportId=4077387

4. Report Number: 20230221-00ABD-2147349598
   Report Date: 2/21/2023
   Report First Publication Date: 3/10/2023
   Link: https://www.saferproducts.gov/PublicSearch/Detail?ReportId=4113956

5. Report Number: 20230305-4198E-2147349004
   Report Date: 3/5/2023
   Report First Publication Date: 3/29/2023
   Link: https://www.saferproducts.gov/PublicSearch/Detail?ReportId=4129793

6. Report Number: 20230424-1C70F-2147347919
   Report Date: 4/24/2023
   Report First Publication Date: 5/17/2023
   Link: https://www.saferproducts.gov/PublicSearch/Detail?ReportId=4184864

7. Report Number: 20231012-52248-2147344680
   Report Date: 10/12/2023
   Report First Publication Date: 10/30/2023
   Link: https://www.saferproducts.gov/PublicSearch/Detail?ReportId=4425260