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he Silver Hanger & B'Dazzled are ready for Homecoming...Are You? Before checking out the big department stores try a couple of consignment shops when shopping for Homecoming this year. These shops have hundreds of dresses to choose from. You can see some of their dresses on the "Look What I Found Page" & also on their websites thesilverhanger.com & bdazzledresaleboutique.com.

Just Between Friends has 3 Children's Resale events in Houston going on in September & October so check out their website jbf.sale.com to find an event going on near you. Why not shop all 3 events?

Resale Shop Owners take a look at some of the Blue Dog Promotional Products on page 10. They have a huge catalog of items online to promote your business. "The Walk-In Closet" is now open at 12288 Westheimer. Go meet the owner, Tarek Boulbou, & check out Houston's newest Resale shop.



Good Luck with your Bargain Shopping. Email me at LINSEMEADOWS@GMAIL.COM and let me know what you find.

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Fact: In spite of rules, regulations, guidelines and inspections, the U. S. Government cannot prevent all unsafe merchandise from being produced and sold in retail or resale shops. Manufacturers will continue to make unsafe products, pay the fines when caught, and issue a recall. Many products come from China or other foreign countries, which compounds the problem.

It is up to you, the consumer, to determine which products are more likely to be safe for your children from infant to age 12. It is wise to check the U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission website for recalls on toys, furniture, clothing or other items you may suspect is unsafe. **Their website is www.cpsc.gov**



Last August the CPSC put into law their Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) that went into effect February 10, 2009. The law set new standards and guidelines for resale shops to prevent the sale of unsafe products for children under 12. Many children's resale shops stopped selling toys and infant equipment to avoid the risk of breaking the law. (CPSC has long discouraged the sale of used car seats.)

Savvy resale shops have always checked recall lists before accepting beds, playpens, high chairs, infant carriers, strollers or other infant furniture and equipment. Now under the CPSIA law, a resale shop can be fined a minimum of \$100,000 if a recalled item or any of the items listed below are found in their store.

The CPSIA law bans resale shops from selling these 5 things:

1. Items with a lead content of over 600

ppm. There is no reliable way a resale shop can test a product for lead. It was suggested that they contact the manufacturers; however it is difficult to get answers from them. **Best advice for resale shops and the consumer: stay away from products and manufacturers who are offenders in the recalls for lead. Especially Use caution in buying children's jewelry and accessories.**

2. Another part of the law outlaws six different phthalates in any products for children under 12.

Phthalates are chemicals added to plastic to make it soft and pliable and is found in baby bottles and rubber ducks, for example. **Best advice:**

Avoid products made of soft, bendable plastic.

3. Any recalled item.
4. Any item with parts smaller than 1 1/4" for children under 3 years old.
5. Toys, or products with magnets, such as Polly Pockets, Littlest Pet shop, and Magnetix. Swallowed magnets can block intestines.

On May 7, 2009, the CPSC issued guidelines for resellers. You can download it at www.narts.org/CPSIA_info.htm is the first link. I recommend any consumer of children's products to make a conscious effort to get informed about the new laws.

Pat Swartley is a founder and Past President of the South Texas Association of Resale Shops (S.T.A.R.S). Visit their website for a list of resale shops in the Greater Houston area www.startsresale.com. Swartley is also a Life Member of the National Association of Resale and Thrift Shops (NARTS), the source of the material in this article. Visit their website at www.narts.org.



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