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May 3, 2000

To: Mr. Todd Stevenson &  
Ms. Sharon B. Winston  
Consumer Product Safety Commission

Dear Mr. Stevenson & Ms. Winston,

Below you will find a list of reports I would like to obtain from the CPSC in electronic format. At your request I have enclosed five preformatted 3-1/2" IBM format disks for you to put the information on. I also enclosed 1 zip drive disk also formatted in IBM format which can hold up to 100 Mega Bytes of information and prefer you use this if possible over the disks.

I would like the searches done in all databases if possible and limited to ages 10 and under only. I would also like to start with January 1, 1994 and run through the present date of April 30, 2000. This would be a total of 76 months of information.

If you could be so kind as to forward the completed list of items requested to the address listed above, it would be very appreciative. If you have any questions or need to talk to me before doing so, please either call me at 908-832-9620, fax to 908-832-5855 or E-Mail to [tbz@superlink.net](mailto:tbz@superlink.net). I prefer E-mail because I check it three times a day.

The information I am looking for is,

1. "Falls from or off Porches, Balconies, upper levels, decks, banisters or rails"
2. "Jumps from or off Porches, Balconies, upper levels, decks, banisters or rails"
3. " (climb or climbing references) Porches, Balconies, upper levels, decks, banisters or rails"
4. "The product code of choice is 1817 for the searches above and then under 1829 also"
5. I would like to make sure we get all accident investigations, reported incidents and death certificate files for above also.

If you need more disks or information please contact me. If at all possible I would like to have this information before May 26, 2000 which is about three weeks away.

I wish to thank you in advance for your help on this matter.

Sincerely,

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May 25, 2000

Mr. Thomas B. Zuzik, Jr.  
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Dear Mr. Zuzik:

As recently requested by you, we are enclosing the specified item(s).

If you have any questions concerning any of the information or if we can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

*Ida Harper-Brown*  
Ida Harper-Brown

Enclosure(s)

May 25, 2000

The INDP, IPII and DTHS data cover the time period 01/01/1994 - 04/30/2000) for product codes 1817 and 1829.

PRODUCT CODE 1817 and 1829 FOR INDP ON THE FOLLOWING SEARCHS:

FALL/FELL - INFALL1817.TXT (28 records)  
- INFALL1829.TXT (7 records)

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JUMP - NO DATA FOUND  
- NO DATA FOUND

CLIMB - INCLIMB1817.TXT (1 record)  
- INCLIMB1829.TXT (1 record)

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PRODUCT CODE 1817 and 1829 FOR IPII ON THE FOLLOWING SEARCHS:

FALL/FELL - IPFALL1817.TXT (675 records)  
- IPFALL1829.TXT (207 records)

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JUMP - IPJUMP1817.TXT (14 records)  
- IPJUMP1829.TXT (3 records)

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CLIMB - IPCLIMB1817.TXT (9 records)  
- IPCLIMB1829.TXT (6 records)

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PRODUCT CODE 1817 and 1829 FOR DTHS ON THE FOLLOWING SEARCHS:

FALL/FELL - DTFALL1817.TXT (66 records)  
- DTFALL1829.TXT (11 records)

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JUMP - NO DATA FOUND  
- NO DATA FOUND

CLIMB - DTCLIMB1817.TXT (2 records)  
- DTCLIMB1829.TXT (1 record)

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The following is a record layout for INDP:

FIELD NAME	LENGTH
Task Number	13
Date of Accident (yyyymmdd)	8
Body Part	2
Diagnosis	2
Disposition	1
Location	1
Age	3
Sex	1
City	30
State	2
Product 1	4
Product 2	4
Document Number	10
Date enter (yyyymmdd)	8
Type	1
Category ID	10
Source	2

The following is a record layout for IPII:

FIELD NAME	LENGTH
Document Number	9
Age	3
Date entered (yyyymmdd)	8
Date injury (yyyymmdd)	8
Precision of date injury	1
Date received (yyyymmdd)	8
City	30
Zip	5
Confirmed	1
Hazard type	1
Disposition	1
Issue	2
Letter sent	1
Office	3
Source	3
Type	2
Number of victim	3
Work related	1
Product 1	4
Year acquired 1	4
Product 2	4
Year acquired 2	4

The following is a record layout for DEATH CERTIFICATES:

FIELD NAME	LENGTH
Document Number	10
Age	3
Date accident (yyyymmdd)	8
Date of death (yyyymmdd)	8
Date entered (yyyymmdd)	8
Ecode	4
Location	1
Lotnum	5
Race	1
Sex	1
State	2
City	30
Work related	1
Zip	5
Product 1	4
Product 2	4
Task Number	13
ICD Code 10	4

## DEATH CERTIFICATES

Document No. Taken from death certificate

External Cause (E Code) and Nature of Injury (N code) are derived from the "International Classification of Diseases", indicated on printouts as Ninth Revision and Eighth Revision (1973-1978).

Age Age of deceased. Under 2 years is indicated by prefix 2 (i.e., 203 = 3 months, 002 = 2 years, 021 = 21 years, 099 = 99 years and above)

Date of Death Year, month, and day on which death occurred

Sex Male, female, or unknown

Date Entered Year, month, and day on which certificate was entered in the computer

Race Race of deceased

State USPS 2-letter abbreviation of state in which death occurred

Work Related Entries are yes, no, or unknown to indicate whether death occurred on the job

Location Designates the general location at which death took place

Products Identifies up to four products associated with the death

Remarks Gives verbatim details of death as noted on death certificate. Lot number is used internally for filing purposes.

Information contained in the printout is intended to be a concise report of the actual death certificate. Commission contracts with State Health Departments provide using the data for statistical purposes only. Original documents are not available to requestors.

## REPORTED INCIDENTS

Document Number	Identifying number assigned to each incident (Originating office/year/month/sequential number/victim)
Date Received	Date received by CPSC (year, month, day)
Issue	Internal date to indicate week of fiscal year that incident received
State	USPS 2-letter state abbreviation
City	City name (if unknown, use zero fill)
Work Related	Entries are yes, no, or unknown to indicate whether the incident occurred on the job
Source	Indicates consumer contact with CPSC for internal use
Type of Contact	Defines type of input document such as MECAP (Medical Examiners & Coroners Alert Program), UL (Underwriters Laboratory), ATLA (American Trial Lawyers Association), CU (Consumers Union), Compliance consumer complaints, newsclips, etc.
Product	Defined as 4-digit NEISS code for primary product associated with incident
Date Injured	Date of incident, if known (year, month, day)
Age	Age of person in the incident; multiple victims are listed as separate incidents under same document number (i.e., A1, A2, A3). Under 2 years is indicated by prefix 2 (i.e., 203 = 3 months, 002 = 2 years, 021 = 21 years, 000 = no victim, 999 = age unknown)
Sex	Sex of person in the incident: 0 = No victim 1 = Male 2 = Female 9 = Unknown
Injury	Defines extent of injury, if any: No inj = No injury T & R = Injury occurred, outpatient medical attention Hosp = Injury occurred, hospitalized Death = Injury resulted in death Unk = Unknown, not stated, etc.
Hazard	Represents general nature of actual or potential hazard presented by incident as a whole
Narrative	Short description of incident and additional information not included in the above
Screened	Further information obtained from follow-up

Information contained in the printout is intended to be a concise report of the actual complaint, newspaper clipping, or other source of incident information. Computer printouts are used to disseminate information in order to expedite service to requestors.

## ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS

Task Number	Identifying number assigned to each accident investigation. The first 6 digits indicate the year, month, and day the investigation was assigned. (Investigations prior to 1974 bear a 6-digit number preceded by zeros)
Date of Accident Date Entered	Year, month, day the incident occurred Year, month, day the report was entered in the computer
State	USPS 2-letter state abbreviation
Type	Indicates how the information was obtained (by telephone or actual on-site visit)
Source	Indicates the source reporting the incident (fire report, newspaper clipping, etc.)
Sex	Male, female, or unknown
Status	C=Completed P=Purged T=Terminated N=No name R=Reassigned L=Limited D=Deleted A=Acknowledged (assignment received) S=Screened but not completed
Disposition	Defines extent of injury, if any: No inj = No injury T & R = Treated and released or examined but not treated Hosp = Treated and admitted DOA = Fatalities, including DOA, died in ER, died in hospital, etc. Unk = Unknown, not stated, etc.
Age	Age of victim identified by a 2-digit number preceded by a "2" indicating whether the age is in months or years (203 = 3 months, 214 = 14 months, 003 = 3 years, 024 = 24 years)
Location	Identifies the area in which the incident took place
Diagnosis	Identifies the injury (lists the most severe in cases of multiple injuries)
Body Part	Identifies the part of the body to which the injury occurred, if any (lists the most severe in case of multiple injures)
Doc. Number	Identifies the source document by number
Products	Lists up to four product codes associated with the incident
Synopsis	Short description of incident and additional information not included in the above

Information contained in the printout is intended to be a concise report of the actual accident investigation. Computer printouts are used to disseminate information in order to expedite service to requestors.