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Stride Rite Recalls Girl's Sandals – *Loose Flowers Create Choking Hazard*

Stride Rite Children's Group LLC, in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, has voluntarily recalled approximately 7,500 "Joanna" Girl's Sandals. Consumers should stop using this product immediately. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

The metal flower on the shoe can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children. The firm has received six reports of the flowers detaching and eleven reports of flowers loosening. No injuries have been reported to date.

The "Joanna" girl's sandals have an ankle strap, three bands and a flower on top. They were sold in white with a silver-colored metal flower and brown with a copper-colored metal flower in girl's sizes 8.5 through 10. The name "Joanna," the style number CG40723 (white shoe) or CG40725 (brown shoe) and the size are printed on the underside of the front shoe strap. "StrideRite" appears on the bottom of the shoe.

Consumers should immediately take the recalled shoes away from children and contact Stride Rite to receive a prepaid envelope for the return of the shoes. Upon return, customers will receive a voucher for the purchase price redeemable at Stride Rite stores or www.striderite.com.

These sandals were made in China and sold at Stride Rite stores and other department stores nationwide and online at striderite.com and various online retailers from December 2011 through May 2013 for between \$30 and \$42. Consumers may contact Stride Rite at 1-800-365-4933, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, online at www.striderite.com and click on Product Safety Information under Customer Service for more information or e-mail JoannaReturns@striderite.com.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury go online to www.SaferProducts.gov or call CPSC's Hotline at 1-800-638-2772 or teletypewriter at 1-301-595-7054 for the hearing impaired. Consumers can obtain news release and recall information at www.cpsc.gov, on Twitter @OnSafety or by subscribing to CPSC's free e-mail newsletters.

