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Spiderman 3 Ring Found with Very High Lead Levels

BALTIMORE, MD (August 2, 2007)— The Baltimore City Health Department has issued a violation notice to a business prohibiting the sale of a flashing Spiderman 3 Ring that was identified with lead levels in metal components far above the legal limit in Baltimore City of 1200 parts per million. The Spiderman insignia contains 12.8% lead by weight. The Consumer Product Safety Commission has been notified.

The Health Commissioner is deeming all products of the same style and manufacturer of this item to be a nuisance to public health. This product may not be offered for retail sale in Baltimore City. Under a regulation adopted on December 7, 2006, children's jewelry containing more than 1200 parts per million may not be offered for retail sale in Baltimore City. Starting September 1, 2007, children's jewelry with metal components containing in excess of 600 parts per million of total lead will be banned.

The item identified that was sold at Dollar Tree - 2445 Frederick Avenue is listed below :



Spiderman 3 flashing ring. The silver ring band contained 17,400 parts per million of lead. The Spiderman insignia contained 128,000 parts per million of lead.

The Health Department tested 9 items of children's jewelry in July 2007. The above item was the only item found to be in excess of 1200 parts per million. A full report of the results will be released later today. Information on Baltimore's regulation on lead in children's jewelry can be found online at <http://baltimorehealth.org/jewelry.html>

Baltimore residents should also check to see if they own any Fisher-Price or Mattel toys subject to this week's toy recall related to lead hazards. Information on the toys covered is online at: http://service.mattel.com/us/recall/default.asp?recall_id=52430

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