

# LEAD POISONING ALERT

## Vending Machine Jewelry

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has announced the voluntary recall of toy jewelry sold in vending machines, because some of the jewelry contains lead. Children may be lead-poisoned if they mouth, chew, or accidentally swallow this jewelry.

Lead poisoning can cause children to have permanent problems with learning, growth and behavior. As most of these items are quite small, they could also be a choking risk for young children.

**Don't allow your children to buy this jewelry. Check your children's toys and belongings for this jewelry — if you find it, throw it away.**

Vending machines with toy jewelry can be found in grocery and drug stores, pizza restaurants, arcades and other places commonly visited by families and children. The items usually cost 25 or 50 cents. Many are labeled "Made in India."

You cannot tell whether the jewelry has lead by looking at it. The recalled jewelry includes:

- Necklaces that have a pendant hanging on a black cord or gold- or silver-colored chain.
- Various styles of bracelets, including ones with charms, medallion links, and fake gems.
- Gold- or silver-colored rings with different designs and/or fake gems.

Vending machine operators have been notified to remove these items as soon as possible.

Pictures of some of the recalled jewelry are shown below. More pictures are available at [www.cpsc.gov.cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml04/04174.html](http://www.cpsc.gov.cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml04/04174.html) and at [www.toyjewelryrecall.com](http://www.toyjewelryrecall.com).



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