

Health Alerts

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has announced the recall of the following products. Consumers should stop using recalled products unless otherwise instructed. Consumers can submit reports of harm to CPSC's new searchable online product safety database at www.SaferProducts.gov. A searchable food and medical product recall database is available at www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/default.htm.

Water absorbing polymer beads

Units: About 1,500

Hazard: These soft, colorful products can be mistaken by a child for candy. When swallowed, they can expand inside a child's body and block the intestines, which can be uncomfortable, cause vomiting and dehydration, and can be life-threatening. Surgery may be necessary to remove them.

Description: Doodlebutt Jelly BeadZ Jumbo BeadZ and Magic Growing Fruity Fun water-absorbing polymer toys can absorb 300 to 500 times their weight in water and can grow up to eight times their original size. The balls are clear, blue, red, orange, yellow, green and purple. Magic Growing Fruity Fun toys are water-absorbing polymers in the shapes of apples, bananas, butterflies, cherries, grapes, pineapples, roses and strawberries.

Sold at: Amazon.com from February 2012 through September 2013 for about \$9.

Remedy: Contact the company for a refund.

Contact: Call 239-313-9779 or email whitmana@live.com.

