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FDA Moves to Change Regulations of All-Metal Hip Implants

The Food and Drug Administration has proposed new rules regarding hip implants and the approval process for manufacturers of the medical devices. Under the proposal, manufacturers of artificial hips with all-metal components would be required to prove the devices were safe and effective before they could continue selling existing ones or obtain approval for new all-metal designs.



At this time, hip implant makers do not have to conduct studies before their devices go on the market as long as they demonstrate that their devices resemble ones already being used. Traditional hip replacements made of materials like plastic and metal typically last about 15 years before wearing out. However, the all-metal hips, which many companies like Johnson & Johnson and Zimmer Holdings did not test before using, are failing shortly after patients receive them.

In the United States, nearly 500,000 patients have experienced early failure of their all-metal hip implants causing them to undergo painful and costly operations to replace the devices. In more severe cases, small particles of metallic debris can shed as the artificial joints move and cause severe tissue and bone damage, leaving patients disabled. Officials say the changes may take some time to finalize and implement, but believe the new guidelines are in the best interest of hip implant patients.

The personal injury lawyers at Messa & Associates are experienced at handling cases involving defective hip implants. If you have been injured as a result of a hip implant or other defective drug or medical device, contact Messa & Associates at 1-877-MessaLaw, or visit us at www.messalaw.com.

Consumer News: The Recall Report

Target is recalling about 560,000 children's pajama sets that do not meet the federal flammability standards for kid's sleepwear and pose a burn risk to children.

The pajamas are cotton or cotton/fleece Circo and Xhilaration brand pajamas sets. They were sold in infant and toddler sizes from 12M-5T, and in girls and boys sizes XS-XL at Target stores nationwide and online from August 2012 through November 2012 for between \$8 and \$13 each.

Messa & Associates has handled dozens of cases involving injuries and death related to the use of defective products. If you or a loved one has suffered serious injury as a result of using a recalled product, please contact us at 1-877-MessaLaw or visit us at www.messalaw.com.

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Toyota Settles First of Hundreds of Wrongful Death, Personal Injury Lawsuits *Plaintiffs Say Vehicles Accelerated Without Warning*

Toyota Motor Corp. has settled with the family of two people killed in a sudden-acceleration crash after their Camry slammed into a wall near Wendover, Utah in 2010. The case had been set for trial next month and was to serve as a test case for a group of hundreds more that are pending.

The terms of the settlement, including the amount, were not disclosed by either side. Representatives for Toyota indicated that the company may settle additional claims, but will still take many of the cases to court. Toyota issued a series of recalls involving more than 14 million vehicles after numerous complaints of accelerations in several models, and brake defects with the Prius hybrid.

In the Utah accident, Paul Van Alfen was driving the Camry on Interstate 80 on Nov. 5, 2010, when it suddenly accelerated, investigators said. Skid marks indicated that Van Alfen tried to stop the vehicle as it exited Interstate 80. Instead, the car went through a stop sign at the bottom of the ramp and through an intersection before hitting the wall. Van Alfen and Charlene Jones Lloyd, his son's fiancée, were killed. Van Alfen's wife and son were injured. Based on witness accounts and statements from survivors of the crash, the Utah Highway Patrol determined that the gas pedal was stuck causing the crash.

The personal injury and accident attorneys at Messa & Associates have successfully represented many victims of defective motor vehicles and motor vehicle component parts. If you or a loved one has been seriously injured by one of the recalled Toyota motor vehicles, please contact us at 1-877-MessaLaw or visit us at www.messalaw.com.

Recent Settlements and Verdicts

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\$190,000 settlement for a Philadelphia County man injured after the scooter he was riding slid on loose gravel on a roadway and then into a depression, where it struck a raised pipe protruding from the street. The Plaintiff lost control of his scooter, and it turned over onto him causing fractures to his foot and ankle which required him to undergo two surgical procedures. He continues to suffer with pain upon extended sitting or standing and has been unable to resume normal physical activities he enjoyed prior to this incident.

The Plaintiff was injured in a dark area where there was ongoing construction, but no construction signs, cones, barriers, caution tape or other warning devices in the area to alert travelers of the potential hazards. The Defendants failed to either repair the asphalt and raised pipe, or to warn oncoming vehicles of the dangerous road condition.

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