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Children's jewelry recalled with help of Bellevue Company

Testing by Essco Safety Check has resulted in an item of children's jewelry being recalled by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) due to risk of lead exposure

Essco Safety Check, a Bellevue, Washington corporation, provided information to the CPSC in May of 2008 about a potentially harmful piece of children's jewelry, which ultimately resulted in a recall on July 3rd, 2008. Essco Safety Check uses XRF analyzers to detect the presence of a variety of toxic elements including; lead, cadmium, arsenic and mercury. This particular piece of children's jewelry was found to contain high levels of lead during an inspection that was performed at a retailer in Seattle, WA, who was concerned about the products that they were selling.

On July 3rd the CPSC issued a recall after further testing confirmed that lead was present in the item. There were approximately 13,000 items from Bead Bazaar USA Inc., of Rockville, Md. The name of the item recalled is "It's a Girl Thing" Bracelets, Necklaces, and Phone Charms. It was recalled because this children's jewelry item could contain high levels of lead. There were no incidents or injuries reported. The UPC numbers for this item are 633870018419 (bracelet), 633870018426 (necklace), and 633870018433 (phone charm). It was sold at retailers nationwide from February 2006 through June 2008 for about \$6. Consumers should return this product to the place of purchase for a refund.

The CPSC is continuing to look at additional information provided by Essco Safety Check about other new children's products that have been tested, using an XRF analyzer, and found to contain lead and other potentially harmful toxic elements.

Essco Safety Check is proud to be making a difference and keeping our community safer.

To see this recall on CPSC's web site, including pictures of the recalled product, please go to:
<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml08/08324.html>