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Children's Hooded Jackets with Drawstrings Recalled By Kids with Character Due to Strangulation Hazard

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Name of Product: BongoCheetah Girls Jackets

Units: About 1,200

Distributor: Kids with Character LLC, of New York, N.Y.

Hazard: The garments have a drawstring through the hood which can pose a strangulation hazard to children. In February 1996, CPSC issued [guidelines](#) (pdf) to help prevent children from strangling or getting entangled on the neck and waist by drawstrings in upper garments, such as jackets and sweatshirts.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported.

Description: The recalled garments are Bongo Cheetah Girls Jackets with style number 8N6003 and RN number 119132 printed on the care label. The jackets were sold in girls sizes 4 through 6X.

Sold at: Marshalls stores nationwide from November 2007 through August 2008 for about \$25.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should immediately remove the drawstrings from the sweatshirts to eliminate the hazard, or return the garment to either Marshall's retail store or Kids with Character for a full refund.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Kids with Character collect at (212) 695-6343 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.





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To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270, or visit CPSC's web site at www.cpsc.gov/talk.html. To join a CPSC email subscription list, please go to <https://www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx>. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's Web site at www.cpsc.gov.