RECLINER COMMITTEE DEVELOPS VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES

The Inter-Industry Recliner Committee has reached agreement on Voluntary Recliner Chair Guidelines to improve the safety performance of these products.

The wording of the Guidelines, along with a schematic which portrays how to implement the guidelines, is shown below:

Recliner chairs shall be so constructed as to allow no more than five inches opening between the upholstered seat rail and the upholstered leg rest in the area bounded by the parallel linkage of the extended leg rest. This may be accomplished by the use of rigid cross members or any other practical method, or in the alternative, the leg rest shall be so constructed that it will disengage when an obstruction is encountered as the leg rest is closed.

The following caution will accompany all recliner chairs:

CAUTION

Do not allow children to play on this mechanized furniture or operate the mechanism. Legrest folds down on closing so that a child could possibly be injured. Always leave in an upright and closed position. Keep hands and feet clear of mechanism. Only the occupant should operate it.

Mechanism manufacturers are in the process of redesigning their mechanisms to assist chair manufacturers to meet these voluntary guidelines on new construction by January 1, 1987.

If you have any questions, please contact Bill Perdue at 336/884-5000, ext. 1017.