

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

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**Question: Bud 28**

**Topic: Consumer Safety – Mandatory Standards**

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Senator Kirk asked:

That is baby bath seats. What about other baby products such as baby walkers, portable cots and prams?

**Ms Vroombout**—There is a mandatory standard already on baby walkers and on cots, but not on portable cots.

**Mr Wunsch**—There is none on portable cots. Household cots are covered by a mandatory standard, and so are baby walkers and bunk beds. I have a list of all those things in front of me, if you would like it. We also have a mandatory standard on child restraints in motor vehicles; toys for children under three, as I mentioned; children's nightclothes, addressing the flammability issue; and flotation toys and swimming aids. At a broader level we certainly have a mandatory standard on disposable cigarette lighters to make sure they are child resistant; on beanbags to address the choking hazard from the pellets; on exercise cycles, as I mentioned; on bicycle helmets; on bicycles themselves; and on children's sunglasses. There are mandatory standards in all those areas. You will see that a lot of those 27 standards address infant and child products.

**Senator KIRK**—If you could provide the committee with that list it would be helpful.

Answer:

The current mandatory consumer product standards under the *Trade Practices Act 1974* are:

- Baby walkers
- Balloon-blowing kits
- Bean bags
- Bunk beds
- Bicycle helmets
- Child restraints for motor vehicles
- Children's nightwear - flammability
- Cots for household use
- Disposable cigarette lighters
- Elastic luggage straps
- Exercise cycles
- Fire extinguishers- (portable, non-aerosol)
- Fire extinguishers- (portable, aerosol)
- Flotation toys for children

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- Jacks - vehicle
- Jacks - trolley
- Motorcycle helmets
- Paper patterns for children's nightclothes
- Pedal Bicycles
- Ramps for motor vehicles
- Support stands for motor vehicles
- Sunglasses and fashion spectacles
- Swimming Aids
- Toys for children under 3
- Care labelling
- Cosmetics and toiletries
- Tobacco product health warnings