

Dear Vendor:

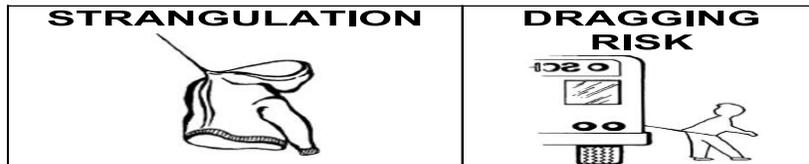
We write to reiterate the Consumer Product Safety Commission's regulations on children's upper outerwear with drawstrings, and to advise you of Burlington's policy banning children's upper outerwear with drawstrings and attached belts.

### **POLICY**

Burlington's policy is that we will not sell any children's upper outerwear containing drawstrings, ties, bows, ribbons or faux belts, at the hood and neck area, as well as at the waist and bottom area.

### **HAZARD**

Drawstrings, ties, bows, ribbons and faux belts can catch on moving items such as playground equipment, bus doors and car doors, dragging the child by the neck and strangling the child.



### **REGULATIONS**

There are Federal and Multi-State regulations for drawstrings. Burlington adheres to the strictest standard as we have stores in several states and our e-commerce sales cross state lines.

- **Federal Requirement:** The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) does not allow drawstrings on Children's upper outer wear garments. A copy of the CPSC guidelines for drawstrings on upper outer wear can be obtained from the CPSC at <http://www.cpsc.gov>.
- **State Requirement:** Several states including Wisconsin and New York have state laws that apply legal standards for drawstrings to all children's garments, not just upper outerwear.
- The ASTM F1816-97 Standard Safety Specification for Drawstrings on Children's upper outerwear can be obtained from ASTM at <http://www.astm.org>.

### **DEFINITIONS**

**Drawstrings:** A non-retractable cord, ribbon or tape of any material to pull together parts of garments to provide for closure for hems, necklines, pants and cuffs, regardless of whether they pass through a channel, also known as drawcords.

**Belts:** Faux belts that are sewn, tacked or permanently affixed on. Only garments with belts that are easily pulled free with minimal effort are permitted to be sold.

**Ties:** Ties are a type of closure that can tie, snap or buckle and are attached to the garment through an eyelet, sewn into a seam or run through a chasing.

### **VENDOR'S RESPONSIBILITY**

- Vendor must understand and comply with safety regulations and requirements.
- Implement applicable production standards to ensure garments meet safety requirements.
- Submit testing to Burlington designated CPSIA testing lab.
- Obtain passing test reports for regulatory requirements.
- Conduct final inspection to make sure product conforms to safety requirements.

For more information, please read the attached CPSC Bulletin and/or contact [product.eval@burlingtonstores.com](mailto:product.eval@burlingtonstores.com) if you have any questions.