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I have important news to share: lawsuits filed by Public Justice have led to a proposed settlement that would give customers refunds and effectively implement a nationwide recall of toy forensic science kits that may contain asbestos. The toy kits were based on the popular "CSI" television drama series and made by the now-bankrupt Planet Toys and licensed by CBS. **Please circulate this announcement to anyone who may have bought or received the CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Fingerprint Examination Kit (CSI Exam Kit) or the CSI Crime Scene Investigation Forensic Lab Kit (CSI Lab Kit).**



Asbestos was found in the CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Fingerprint Examination Kit.

In 2007, the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO) conducted tests of the white fingerprint powder in the CSI Exam Kit and found tremolite, one of the deadliest forms of asbestos. With Public Justice as counsel, ADAO met with representatives of CBS and Planet Toys in December 2007 to discuss its findings about the fingerprint powder. As a result, Planet Toys asked retailers to stop sales of the CSI Exam Kit pending further investigation. But the company refused to stop sales of the CSI Lab Kit, which contained the same fingerprint powder, and refused to voluntarily recall the products. As a result, Public Justice was forced to file two lawsuits on April 11, 2008 to try to get these products off the market and out of people's homes.

Under the proposed settlement, cash refunds will be provided to consumers throughout the U.S. who bought, or received as a gift, one or more of the CSI Exam Kits or CSI Lab Kits sold by CBS, Toys "R" Us, Hammacher Schlemmer, Walgreens, Amazon.com, Buy.com, Sears, Kmart, or QVC. Consumers seeking refunds must submit a claim form to a claims administrator by January 14, 2010, and have the option of sending the toy kits to the claims administrator at no cost.

For more information about the settlement or to get a claim form, go to www.csitoyssettlement.com.

Thanks so much for making our consumer protection work possible. Please help us protect children nationwide!

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