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### FOR CONSUMERS



#### Prams and strollers, safety alert

This brochure provides an overview of the mandatory safety standard for prams and strollers introduced on 1 July 2008. It also includes guidelines for the safe use of prams and strollers with children. The new standard requires prams and strollers sold in Australia to have a several safety features—a warning label, tether strap and parking brake.

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## Hot water bottles, safety alert

Hot water bottles can be comforting for warmth or to assist with injury treatment. However, incorrect use can result in serious burns. Burn injuries have resulted when filling a hot water bottle or expelling air from the bottle. Over time, rubber hot water bottles can perish, increasing the risk of leaks or splitting at the seams. Protect yourself from harm by following the safety guidelines in this brochure.

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## Keeping baby safe, creating and maintaining a safe environment for infants

There are lots of things to think about when preparing for a new baby. This DVD offers advice on what to look for when shopping for nursery furniture, as well as helpful tips on how to safely use the products to keep your baby from harm.

The DVD includes an introduction by ACCC Chairman, Graeme Samuel, and is hosted by Jay Laga'aia from the ABC's *Play School* program. It examines five important areas: getting ready for baby, toys, caring for baby, out and about with baby, and mobile baby.

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## **FOR BUSINESS**



#### **Carbon claims and the Trade Practices Act**

As climate change gains more attention around the world, a new focus on carbon emissions has emerged. Messages about global warming are everywhere urging us to reduce our carbon production to help the planet. As consumers gain awareness of their carbon 'footprint' and start to look for ways to reduce their impact on the planet, a new generation of environmental claims about reducing carbon emissions is emerging—and subsequently an entire new market of carbon offset trading has appeared. This guide informs businesses about their obligations under the *Trade Practices Act 1974* and examines some issues surrounding carbon offset and neutrality claims and how they are affected by the Act.

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# Prams and strollers, product safety: a mandatory standards guide

Injury or death of children can result from the incorrect use of prams and strollers. Consequently, prams and strollers are subject to a mandatory consumer product safety standard setting minimum performance requirements and safe usage directions.

This guide provides an indication of the scope and application of the mandatory standard for prams and strollers. It explains mandatory requirements that can be checked by physical inspection or simple measurement. Other requirements in the standard which generally require assessment by professional test laboratories with relevant expertise and necessary apparatus are not detailed in this guide.

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