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### **Girl's Hooded Sweater Recalled by El Gringo Imports Due to Strangulation Hazard**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

**Name of Product:** Girl's Hooded Sweater with Drawstring

**Units:** About 300

**Importer:** El Gringo Imports of Seattle

**Hazard:** The hooded sweaters have drawstrings through the hood which can pose a strangulation or entrapment hazard to children. In February 1996, CPSC issued [guidelines](#) (pdf), which were incorporated into an industry voluntary standard in 1997, to help prevent children from strangling or getting entangled on the neck and waist drawstrings in upper garments, such as jackets and sweatshirts.

**Incidents/Injuries:** None reported

**Description:** The recalled product is a hand-knitted wool sweater with a hood in sizes 1 through 10. The sweater has a drawstring in the hood with multi-colored yarn tassels. The sweaters are multi-colored with a front zipper. "El Gringo Imports" is written on a black neck tag.

**Sold:** Pike Place Market in Seattle from November 2009 to August 2010 for between \$20 and \$25.

**Manufactured in:** Ecuador

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately remove the drawstring from the sweatshirt to eliminate the hazard or contact El Gringo Imports for instructions on how to receive a full refund.

**Consumer Contact:** For additional information, contact El Gringo Imports toll-free at (877) 278-1434 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. PT Monday through Friday, visit the firm's website at [www.elgringoimports.com](http://www.elgringoimports.com) or e-mail the firm at [michael@elgringoimports.com](mailto:michael@elgringoimports.com)



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CPSC is still interested in receiving incident or injury reports that are either directly related to this product recall or involve a different hazard with the same product. Please tell us about it by visiting [www.saferproducts.gov](http://www.saferproducts.gov)

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death from thousands of types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. The CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard. The CPSC's work to ensure the safety of consumer products - such as toys, cribs, power tools, cigarette lighters, and household chemicals - contributed significantly to the decline in the rate of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products over the past 30 years.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's Hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (301) 595-7054. To join a CPSC e-mail subscription list, please go to <https://www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx>. Consumers can obtain recall and general safety information by logging on to CPSC's Web site at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov).

