Recall Date: October 4, 2018 Recall Number: 19-703

# Metal Playground Climbers Recalled by BCI Burke Due to Strangulation Hazard (Recall Alert)

## **Recall Summary**

Name of Product: Merge playground climbers

**Hazard:** The two welded handgrip locations at the top of the climbers can be too large creating a strangulation hazard. A child's body could become lodged in these openings, posing a strangulation hazard.

Remedy: Repair

Consumers should immediately remove these climbers from use and contact the firm for a free repair kit. BCI Burke is contacting all owners directly by mail.

### **Consumer Contact:**

Contact BCI Burke at 800-356-2070 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. CT Monday through Friday or online at beiburke.com and click on the Climber Recall tab for more information.

### **Recall Details**

Units: About 200

### **Description:**

This recall involves the Burke Merge Metal Climbers. These climbers are used on play equipment as an attachment that allows children to climb up and access the play structure. The metal climbers were sold in many color combinations with small geometric shaped openings with a platform and two welded handgrips at the top. "Burke" is printed on identification labels that are placed on the exterior of the entire play structure.

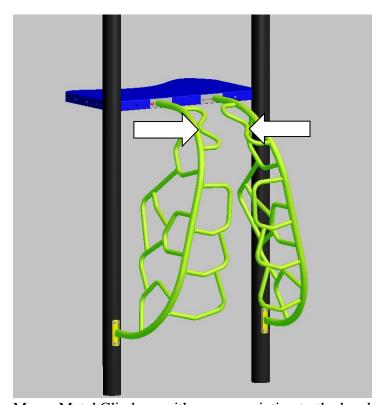
Incidents/Injuries: None reported

**Sold At:** BCI Burke Company and its distributors to public and private organizations including schools, public parks, and home owners associations nationwide from November 2015 through March 2018 for \$1,400.

Manufacturer/Distributor: BCI Burke Company, of Fond du lac, Wis.

Manufactured in: United States

# **Photos**



Merge Metal Climbers with arrows pointing to the hand grip entrapment areas.

This recall was conducted, voluntarily by the company, under CPSC's Fast Track Recall process. Fast Track recalls are initiated by firms, who commit to work with CPSC to quickly announce the recall and remedy to protect consumers. field\_rc\_fast\_track

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Contact us at this toll-free number if you have questions about a recall:

800-638-2772 (TTY 301-595-7054)

Times: 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. ET; Messages can be left anytime

Call to get product safety and other agency information and to report unsafe products.

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