

# Consumer Product Safety Recall Notice

## Date

March 31, 2023

## Product Name

**Pommel Walkers**

## Full Product Description

The Pommel Walker provides a way for individuals with physical disabilities who cannot walk on their own to move around independently. It provides opportunities for movement and upright positioning.

The Pommel Walker is made of a metal frame, a firm pommel seat, and firm chest and back pads. The frame has four casters to allow the device to move. Users are placed on the foam pommel between the chest and back pads. The back pad is installed and set in position using a thumb knob below the pommel, and a Velcro strap wraps around the back pad and is a secondary securement to the thumb screw.

The Pommel Walker is dispensed by physiotherapists and occupational therapists. Verbal instructions on the safe use of the device are provided by the health professional at the time the device is provided. The Pommel Walker is also dispensed with written use instructions.

## Hazard Identified

The pommel supporting bracket is at an increased risk of falling out if the walker has been modified from the original design or adjusted by personnel outside of RCC who have not received instruction to safely adjust RCC devices.

If the walker isn't being used as per original design, (e.g., If the chest pad stem is omitted or is extended beyond capacity to allow for sufficient holding), and/or the screw is loose, the pommel may fall out, potentially resulting in a fall.

## Corrective Action

**Consumers should stop using the Pommel Walker.**

If you are able to drop off the walker, please do so at main reception at SSCY Centre, 1155 Notre Dame Avenue, Monday – Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. If you require pick up of the walker in your community, please call (431) 294-6357, or toll-free 1-866-314-0501 or by email at [walkerrecall@rccinc.ca](mailto:walkerrecall@rccinc.ca).

Always use the Pommel Walker in accordance with its written instructions. Individuals should never be left unattended while in the pommel walker.

Supplemental warning labels and fail-safe mechanisms have been developed for installation on the pommel walker.

For more information, please contact the Pommel Walker Recall staff at the Rehabilitation Centre for Children at (431) 294-6357, or toll-free 1-866-314-0501 or by email at [walkerrecall@rccinc.ca](mailto:walkerrecall@rccinc.ca).

## Number Dispensed

389 pommel walkers manufactured by the Rehabilitation Centre for Children may be affected in the last 12 years.

Dispensed in Manitoba, Nunavut and Northwestern Ontario through the Rehabilitation Centre for Children.

## Manufacturer

The Rehabilitation Centre for Children, Winnipeg, Manitoba

## Images



Mini Pommel Walker



Junior Pommel Walker



Senior Pommel Walker