

Motor Vehicle Safety

Information: 1-800-333-0371

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Clek Foonf and Fllo Convertible Car Seats – Foam seat cushion may create choking hazard

| Manufacturer and Importer: Consumer Contact: | Clek, Inc. 226 Lesmill Road Toronto, ON M3B 2T5 1-866-656-2462 | |
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| Models and Model Numbers Affected: | Clek Foonf and Clek Fllo Convertible Car Seat: | |
| | 1110 001 1 (01110) | Clek Foonf FO12C1, FO14C1, FO15C1, FO16C1, FO17C1, FO18C1 and FO19C1 |
| | | Clek Fllo FL15C1, FL16C1, FL17C1, FL18C1 and FL19C1 |
| Dates of Manufacture: | Manufactured before May 21, 2021 | |
| Number of Units: | 98,048 | |
| Geographical Distribution: | Across Canada | |

Issue:

Clek Inc. wants the public to know that it is possible for a child to place their fingers through the crotch buckle opening and pick at the foam seat cushion on the subject car seats. After repeated picking, a child may be able to remove small pieces of Expanded Polypropylene (EPP) foam and put the small pieces into their mouth, nose or ear.

This notice only affects Clek Foonf and Fllo convertible car seats made before May 21, 2021.





Figure 1. Crotch buckle opening



Figure 2. EPP foam seat cushion

Safety risks:

Children could choke on the small pieces of foam that are removed from the seat. The seat foam is non-toxic and will not make a child sick if they eat it.

Clek told Transport Canada about this issue after receiving reports of children picking at the EPP foam seat cushion in the U.S.

So far, neither Clek nor Transport Canada have received similar reports from Canadian car seat owners. There are currently no reports of choking or any other any injury in either Canada or the U.S.

Company actions:

In order to avoid this risk, Clek has designed a plastic insert to cover the foam around the crotch buckle opening. The company will provide affected car seat owners with a kit to fix the issue.

All Clek Foonf and Fllo car seats made on or after May 21, 2021, have this plastic insert.



Figure 3. EPP foam seat cushion with plastic insert installed

Consumer recourse:

Clek will notify all registered owners of affected car seats. This notice will explain the issue and include instructions for how to get a free kit to fix the issue.

If you have not registered your car seat, or if you have moved, contact Clek to get a free remedy kit. Make sure you have this information on hand when you contact Clek:

- your car seat's serial number
- its date of manufacture and
- your updated mailing address

You can contact Clek:

- Online: <u>www.clekinc.com/seatcushioninsert</u>
- By email: seatcushioninsert@clekinc.com
- By telephone: 1-866-656-2462

Clek has said that it is safe to use your car seat while waiting to receive a kit to fix the issue.

Once you receive the kit, install the plastic insert by following the included instructions. Do not return your car seat to a store or to Clek.