

# POINTERS FOR PARENTS

## You've Come a Long Way, Baby —New Twists on Old Products Keep Babies Safe and Happy—

(NAPSA)—Baby walkers give curious tots the freedom and mobility to exercise their legs and explore their surroundings. Unfortunately, walkers cannot prevent babies from walking into potentially serious or fatal accidents. According to the Consumer Products Safety Commission, baby walkers are the cause of more than 21,300 emergency room visits every year. Although the government hasn't banned walkers, it has recognized that mobile baby walkers can cause serious injury.

Many parents like the benefits of walkers, including giving babies a place to sit up and explore the world. However, the National Safe Kids Coalition strongly recommends parents avoid walkers with wheels and instead use stationary walkers or activity centers (saucers). Today there are many safe alternatives available.

- **Saucers**—Eight years ago, Evenflo came to the rescue of concerned parents with the introduction of the first “stationary walker”—the Exersaucer. It was soon followed by a complete line. These new saucers rock, spin 360 degrees and bounce, giving children the exercise and illusion of walking without all the potential dangers. The saucer era has delighted kids and parents by keeping kids safe while letting them take in the world around them.

- **Walk Arouds**—For parents who prefer to let their children



**New toys let babies enjoy the exercise and mobility of walkers while keeping them safe.**

walk in a walker before they're able to walk on their own, a recent invention may have solved the problem. The Walk-Around Rotating Walker, manufactured by Evenflo, rotates on a stationary leg using the “Stay Put” gripper that secures the walker in one place so children can play and walk safely in a controlled area. The Walk-Around stays put on a variety of surfaces and keeps little ones away from stairs and other dangerous areas.

With all the new baby products that have come out in the last few decades, many may wonder how anyone ever survived childhood! Luckily, with a little help from these safe new products, we can make life safer for our kids. For more information on walker alternatives, visit [www.evenflo.com](http://www.evenflo.com) or call 1-800-233-5921.