

# CATHOLIC MUTUAL... "CARES"

## Resale of Items Through Thrift Stores and Rummage Sales

Church operations frequently resell used donated items through a thrift shop or rummage sale. Although such sales can provide a social service to the community, they can produce unique liability concerns related to items donated for resale. Primarily, the liability concerns lie in the resale of items that may be defective or that have been recalled by manufacturers due to defects. Considering the risk involved, it is recommended that the following types of used merchandise not be resold or given away.

### \*Any item which uses electricity to function

Fans	Computer Equipment
Toasters	Grills
Heaters	Microwave Ovens
Ovens	Televisions, VCR, Stereo Equipment
Electric Blankets	Major Appliances (Washer, Dryer Dish Washer, etc.)

### \*Children's Items

Cribs	Playground Equipment
Car Seats	Portable Playpens
Baby Swings	Mattress
Walkers	

### \*Equipment Powered by Gasoline, Electricity or Other Motor Fuels

Motor Scooter	Trimmers/Edgers
Motor Bicycle	Lawn Tractors
Lawn Mower	Leaf Blowers
Chain Saws	Snow Blowers

### \*Firearms

This list is not exclusive since there are many items that could be potentially hazardous. Careful consideration should be given to any used item prior to giving it away or selling it as part of a parish rummage sale or thrift store. Product recall information may be found at the Consumer Products Safety Commission website at <http://www.cpsc.gov/>.

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