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Spring Time Bedding  
94 Fulton Street  
Paterson, NJ 07501  
Attention: Isaac Jacobowitz

May 18, 2005

Dear Mr. Jacobowitz:

I have reviewed the attached bunk bed guardrail design that was submitted for review by Joseph Grunhut on March 21, 2005 and find that, as presented and when a mattress that is a maximum of 7 inches thick is used, it meets the criteria specified in the Department of Health's New York State Children's Camp Fact Sheet for Bunk Bed Guardrail Requirements 9/29/04 (copy attached) for:

1. spacing between the horizontal rails (guardrails),
2. spacing between the lowest guardrail and bed frame/foundation, and
3. height above the mattress.

Guardrails must be appropriately positioned between the foot and head end structures of beds to meet the permissible opening size criteria specified in the Department of Health Fact Sheet. Additionally, guardrails must be located on both sides of the upper bed of bunk beds unless wall criteria specified in the aforementioned fact sheet are met.

The review of the guardrail does not signify or imply acceptable structural stability or compliance with the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) standards for bunk beds. The manufacturer must contact the CPSC for information pertaining to any and all responsibility for complying with the CPSC Standards for Bunk Bed.

Children's camp operators that intend to install guardrails must contact the local health department that has jurisdiction in the county that the camp is located. Final acceptance of guardrail installation is the responsibility of the local health department having jurisdiction.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me at (518) 402-7600.

Sincerely,

Timothy Shay, R.S.  
Principal Sanitarian  
Bureau of Community Environmental Health  
and Food Protection