

# ATLA Web site offers family safety resources

Last summer, Katrine Friis, now age two, was in her Cosco™ tandem stroller with her twin brother when the stroller collapsed suddenly, throwing her into the street. Katrine's arm, caught in the stroller's locking system, was fractured and cut.

The Friis family reported the defective stroller to Milwaukee attorney Jay Urban, a member of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA). Urban investigated the strollers and found that Cosco had received 3,000 complaints about the "Geoby Two-Way" tandem stroller without informing the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). Urban notified the CPSC, which recalled nearly 60,000 strollers on Feb. 17, 1999.

The Urban and Katrine Friis story, and many others, are told on the Keep Our Families Safe Web site at <http://familysafety.atla.org> (no www). Created by ATLA, the site provides concerned consumers with news and information on playground and product safety, including recalls, pending legislation, milestone legal cases, and links to other product-safety and health-related sites.

The site also allows visitors to share their stories online, join an email list that provides health and safety updates, and contact Congress on family safety-related developments.

