

IKEA Lawsuit: Safety Lesson for Aspiring Designers and Inventors

Avoiding Dangerous Furniture Design



After incidents in which a dresser toppled over causing fatal injuries to a small child, lawsuits were filed against IKEA.

Tragic circumstances that illustrate what can happen when a product is introduced to the marketplace with a lack of proper initial research and planning..

At a minimum, risk analysis. was overlooked:

Who, what where, how will the product be used? Could anyone be injured? How? What solution best solves the problem?

Responsibility for a poorly designed product shifted to consumers when free anchor kits were offered?

How many people would make a mistake and not secure the heavy furniture correctly? With no way to answer that question, A proper design was the answer followed by recall. recall were

Takeaway: Check accident records of similar products and factor in design specs that not only solve the issue

but provide a competitive edge based on safety

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IKEA Facing Lawsuits...

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