



Reasoning with Ethics

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Ethics in action creates character.

Use this blog to:

1. Lead class discussions in social studies, civics, ethics or advisory classes.
2. Teach students skills to analyze cases with core ethical values.
3. Recognize skills in support of SEE's Tri-Factor Model of ethical functioning.

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Core Values and Recalls

During the peak of the Christmas sales season, the US Consumer Product Safety Commission has announced that at least 19 products marketed by the TJX Companies that include TJ Maxx, Marshalls and HomeGoods have failed to be removed from stores after TJX was notified of the need for recalls. The products range from infant sleepers linked to child deaths, portable speakers and hoverboards that have caught fire or exploded, chairs that collapse, and scarves that did not meet federal flammability standards.



The CBS News story and YouTube video links provided on our website do not explain why the recalls were not carried out when TJX was first notified. Regardless of what led to the failure to act on the recalls promptly, SEE asks students to consider how they would respond if they were in a corporate management position and learned of the need to recall products.

What core values would motivate choices to ignore the recall or the choice to act quickly on the recall? What professional skills would be necessary if you wanted to respond quickly and others in the organization wanted to slow walk a recall?

Regarding this archived case, more information is available on the following links:
CBS News: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/recall-tj-maxx-marshalls-and-homegoods-still-sold-dangerous-products-after-recalls/>
YouTube: <https://youtu.be/2ZQcVujoU5Q>

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