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Dear Sir:

Would you please publish the following?

I have a complaint, and it is directed towards the manufacturers of "Protective Headgear" of plastic material.

First, this headpiece should be designed with the World War II G.I. Helmet design. That is, be smooth on the outside or impact side; any reinforcement ridges or shoulders should be on the INSIDE so as not to interfere with the falling object and change its energy to penetration instead of sliding. Second, a protective lip, wide enough, molded into the head section to be smooth, similar to the Pith or Sun Helmet worn by the early English troops in the tropics. This lip should extend far enough to protect the eyes and the vital neck area from penetration or puncture by falling objects that near miss the head piece. Third, as these helmets made out of plastic shatter on impact with a heavier weight than designed to withstand, there should be an inside flexible liner bonded to the inside that would resist the sharp shattered plastic pieces from lacerating the head area. Some reported lacerations were of a more serious disability than the blow.

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