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Read Before Signing

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Read before you sign. Check the terms of an agreement carefully before joining a club offering books, records, fruits, flowers and other merchandise on a regular basis.

Some of these clubs send out unwanted merchandise to people who fail to return a notice on time. Often people joining these clubs become obligated to buy a specific amount.

University extension home economists say the Federal Trade Commission has issued a regulation governing "pre-notification negative-option" sales plans to protect consumers. "Pre-notification" refers to the consumers' responsibility to notify the club not to send the merchandise. "Negative-option" means that the consumer may reject the selected merchandise.

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Cleaning Fish

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Clean freshwater fish as soon as possible after they are caught. University of Minnesota consumer specialist Karel Strandness suggests storing fresh fish in the coldest part of the refrigerator after wrapping it in moisture-proof paper. Use or freeze the fish within two days.

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Baby Cribs

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A bureau of the Food and Drug Administration is drafting a proposed regulation to eliminate hazardous features of baby cribs. The regulation would become effective this coming January.

FDA officials believe the new ruling should help protect babies from injury or accidental death as a result of crib construction defects.

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