

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a camera lens. The lens is black with silver accents and has 'MD 28mm 1:2' printed on it. The hand is positioned as if about to take a photo.

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CPSC Recall Snapshot

A MONTHLY REVIEW OF CONSUMER PRODUCT RECALLS
AND CIVIL PENALTIES ANNOUNCED BY THE CPSC

August 2015

Welcome to the August edition of the Alston & Bird *CPSC Recall Snapshot*.

This past month, the CPSC [announced](#) the offering of free repair kits for children's and adult chests and dressers. Interestingly, the CPSC did not label the issuance of these repair kits as a product recall, despite their previous practice of doing so in a [similar situation](#) involving furniture. The press, for their part, appear to be still calling this a [recall](#). Whether the CPSC will continue to avoid labeling such situations as a recall is not yet clear, but such a practice would be beneficial for client relations and for clarity's sake.

We hope you find the *Snapshot* of last month's recalls a useful tool in keeping up-to-date on the activities of the CPSC. We also invite you to check out our [Products Liability Blog](#), which features important updates on CPSC and products liability issues.

Click [here](#) to subscribe to the *Snapshot*. For additional information or questions about CPSC issues, please email me at jenifer.keenan@alston.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jenifer Keenan'.

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Voluntary Recalls Announced by the CPSC in July 2015

NUMBER OF RECALLS BY PRODUCT CATEGORY

Housewares – 12 Child/Infant – 4 Sporting Goods – 4 Furniture – 3 Vehicle – 3
Yard Equipment – 3 Electronics – 1 Appliance – 1 Miscellaneous – 1

PRODUCT	PRODUCT CATEGORY	ALLEGED HAZARD	REPORTED INJURIES	NUMBER OF PRODUCTS
Dry Erase Board Press Release	Housewares	Laceration Hazard	7	3.3 million
Glass Pitcher Press Release	Housewares	Laceration/Burn Hazard	5	52,400 U.S. 4,400 Can.
Night Light Press Release	Housewares	Fire Hazard	0	143,000
Trash Can Press Release	Housewares	Laceration Hazard	13	367,000
TAFR Device Press Release	Housewares	Scalding Hazard	0	26,000
Pressure Cooker Press Release	Housewares	Electric Shock Hazard	3	1,000 U.S. 140 Can.
Nut Chopper Press Release	Housewares	Injury Hazard	0	27,000 U.S. 5,100 Can.
Lighting Fixture Press Release	Housewares	Fire Hazard	0	1.62 million U.S. 27,000 Can.
YoYo Sparkler Press Release	Housewares	Burn Hazard	12	651,500
Pellet Stove Press Release	Housewares	Laceration Hazard	0	2,000
Gas Fireplace Press Release	Housewares	Fire Hazard	0	2,500

PRODUCT	PRODUCT CATEGORY	ALLEGED HAZARD	REPORTED INJURIES	NUMBER OF PRODUCTS
Kettle Press Release	Housewares	Laceration/Burn Hazard	3	113,000
Sweater Press Release	Child/Infant	Strangulation Hazard	0	3,100
Stroller Press Release	Child/Infant	Choking Hazard	0	71,000 U.S. 8,000 Can.
Crib Press Release	Child/Infant	Entrapment/Fall/ Laceration Hazard	0	11,660 U.S. 40 Can.
Baby Float Press Release	Child/Infant	Drowning Hazard	0	3,000
Baseball Face Mask Press Release	Sporting Goods	Impact Injury Hazard	0	10,000
Bicycle Pedal Extender Press Release	Sporting Goods	Fall Hazard	2	6,500 U.S. 380 Can.
Avalanche Airbag Press Release	Sporting Goods	Injury/Death Hazard	0	1,000 U.S. 200 Can.
Slingshot Press Release	Sporting Goods	Injury Hazard	2	88,000 U.S. 16,000 Can.
Mattress Press Release	Furniture	Fire Hazard	0	400
Mattress Press Release	Furniture	Fire Hazard	0	18,500
Bistro Chair Press Release	Furniture	Fall Hazard	0	9,200
Off-Highway Vehicle Press Release	Vehicle	Fire Hazard	0	2,700
Off-Highway Vehicle Press Release	Vehicle	Fire Hazard	0	4,300
Motocross Bike Fork Press Release	Vehicle	Crash Hazard	0	50
Riding Mower / Tractor Press Release	Yard Equipment	Injury Hazard	0	2,800
Lawn and Garden Tiller Press Release	Yard Equipment	Injury/Laceration Hazard	0	24,000
Blower/Vacuum Press Release	Yard Equipment	Fire/Burn Hazard	0	14,000
Digital Camera Press Release	Electronics	Electric Shock Hazard	0	1,200
Tablet Computer Press Release	Electronics	Fire Hazard	0	83,000 U.S. 5,000 Can.
Wall Oven Press Release	Appliance	Burn Hazard	1	33,000 U.S. 8,000 Can.
Motorized Stair Lift Press Release	Miscellaneous	Fall Hazard	2 U.K. 0 U.S.	34,500

Civil Penalties Announced by CPSC in July 2015

PRODUCT	PRODUCT CATEGORY	BASIS FOR PENALTY	CIVIL PENALTY AMOUNT
Dehumidifier Press Release	Appliance	Knowing failure to report a defect and an unreasonable risk of serious injury with several models of dehumidifiers. The failure to report began in 2003 when the company began receiving reports that the dehumidifiers overheated, smoked, melted or caught fire. By the time the products were recalled in 2012, there were multiple instances of smoke inhalation and more than \$7 million in property damage.	\$1.825 million

Alston & Bird helps companies navigate the CPSC's complex regulations—from testing, to labeling, to recalls—and everything in between. We also help companies monitor and respond to complaints submitted to the CPSC's new consumer complaint database, www.SaferProducts.gov. For additional information or questions about recalls, the SaferProducts.gov database or other CPSC issues, please email jenifer.keenan@alston.com or visit the firm's website at www.alston.com.

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