

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

April 2017

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

In March, the CPSC approved a new federal standard for infant bathtubs. The CPSC stated that the new standard, which incorporates the most recent voluntary standard developed by ASTM International (ASTM F2670-17), is intended to improve the safety of infant bathtubs and to prevent drownings. The new standard has several requirements, including latching/locking mechanism requirements, static load testing, and drowning/fall warnings, markings, and instructions. This new standard comes after the CPSC received 247 incident reports involving infant bathtubs from January 2004 to December 2015, 31 of which involved a fatality. Of the 216 nonfatal incidents, 32 involved an injury to an infant. The CPSC reported that the most frequent reported hazards were drowning/near-drowning when a child was left alone, protrusions/sharp edges, product failures, and entrapment issues. The effective date for the new standard is six months after the rule is published in the *Federal Register*. A copy of the CPSC's press release on this new standard may be found [here](#).

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 March 2017

NUMBER OF RECALLS BY PRODUCT CATEGORY

Child/Infant – 6 Housewares – 6 Miscellaneous – 4 Sporting Goods – 4 Tools/Hardware – 3
 Vehicle – 2 Appliance – 1 Electronics – 1 Furniture – 1 Yard Equipment – 1

| PRODUCT | PRODUCT CATEGORY | ALLEGED HAZARD | REPORTED INJURIES | NUMBER OF PRODUCTS |
|---|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Toy Trolley Press Release | Child/Infant | Impact Injury Hazard | 2 | 9,900 U.S. 640 Can. |
| Infant Cap Press Release | Child/Infant | Choking Hazard | 0 | 14,500 U.S. 50 Can. |
| Bib Press Release | Child/Infant | Suffocation Hazard | 0 | 10,400 |
| Rattle Press Release | Child/Infant | Choking Hazard | 3 | 680,000 U.S. 17,000 Can. |
| Hooded Sweatshirt Press Release | Child/Infant | Strangulation Hazard | 0 | 2,600 |
| Sleepwear Press Release | Child/Infant | Flammability Hazard | 0 | 1,200 |
| Magnetic Game Press Release | Housewares | Choking/Ingestion Hazard | 0 | 19,000 |
| Dressing Shaker Bottle Press Release | Housewares | Laceration Hazard | 0 | 48,000 U.S. 800 Can. |
| Bottle Cap Press Release | Housewares | Burn Hazard | 0 | 61,000 U.S. 360 Can. |
| Metal Halide Lamp Press Release | Housewares | Fire/Laceration Hazard | 0 | 256,000 |
| Power Adapter Press Release | Housewares | Shock Hazard | 0 | 35,000 |
| Glass Knob Press Release | Housewares | Laceration Hazard | 2 | 363,000 U.S. 41,000 Can. |
| Hose Swivel Press Release | Miscellaneous | Fire/Explosion Hazard | 0 | 824,000 |
| Fuel Oil Valve Press Release | Miscellaneous | Fire Hazard | 0 | 18,000 |

| PRODUCT | PRODUCT CATEGORY | ALLEGED HAZARD | REPORTED INJURIES | NUMBER OF PRODUCTS |
|--|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Hoverboard Press Release | Miscellaneous | Fire Hazard | 0 | 500 |
| Solar Panel Connector Press Release | Miscellaneous | Electrical Shock Hazard | 0 | 97,000 |
| Snowshoe Press Release | Sporting Goods | Fall Hazard | 0 | 3,000 |
| Electric Bicycle Press Release | Sporting Goods | Fall Hazard | 0 | 250 17 |
| Road Bicycle Press Release | Sporting Goods | Fall/Crash Hazard | 0 | 800 |
| Bicycle Press Release | Sporting Goods | Fall Hazard | 0 | 650 |
| Table Saw Press Release | Tools/Hardware | Laceration/Impact Hazard | 9 | 46,000 |
| Ladder Press Release | Tools/Hardware | Fall Hazard | 0 | 37,000 |
| Table Saw Press Release | Tools/Hardware | Laceration/Impact Hazard | 0 | 400 |
| Off-Highway Vehicle Press Release | Vehicle | Fire/Burn Hazard | 0 | 13,500 |
| All-Terrain Vehicle Press Release | Vehicle | Fire/Burn Hazard | 4 | 19,200 |
| Air Handler Press Release | Appliance | Electrical Shock Hazard | 0 | 210,000 U.S. 20 Can. |
| Game Controller Press Release | Electronics | Burn Hazard | 0 | 121,000 U.S. 7,250 Can. 2,650 Mex. |
| Bistro Chair Press Release | Furniture | Fall Hazard | 4 | 14,000 U.S. 800 Can. |
| Electric Blower Press Release | Yard Equipment | Laceration Hazard | 25 | 121,000 U.S. 1,900 Can. 1,100 Mex. |

The CPSC did not announce any civil penalties in March 2017.

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