

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

June 2017

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

Earlier this month, the [CPSC announced a \\$5.2 million civil penalty](#) against a recreational vehicle manufacturer for alleged “failure to report defective ROVs and misrepresentation.” This is the third civil penalty announced in 2017, and the amount is almost exactly in the middle of the \$4.65 million civil penalty announced in April and the \$5.8 million civil penalty announced in February. It’s unclear if these penalty amounts reflect the new norm for the CPSC and the end of the penalties in the \$1 – \$2 million range we saw just a few years back.

In other news, a recent fad – fidget spinners – has caught the eye of the CPSC. Fidget spinners, which are touted as possible treatments for ADD, ADHD, and autism, have risen tremendously in popularity in the past year and are now readily available online and even on street corners in big cities. However, the CPSC cautions that parents should keep these toys away from young children and warn older children not to put fidget spinners in their mouths. Indeed, the CPSC is investigating two instances where children were hospitalized for swallowing parts of the popular toy. And some schools have started to ban them as well. The CPSC urges consumers to report any incidents with fidget spinners to the CPSC at www.saferproducts.gov.

Click [here](#) to subscribe to the *Snapshot*. For additional information or questions about CPSC issues, please email me at: jennifer.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 May 2017

NUMBER OF RECALLS BY PRODUCT CATEGORY

Housewares – 8 Child/Infant – 5 Sporting Goods – 4 Appliance – 3 Furniture – 2 Miscellaneous – 2
Vehicle – 2 Apparel – 1 Electronics – 1 Tools/Hardware – 1 Yard Equipment – 1

PRODUCT	PRODUCT CATEGORY	ALLEGED HAZARD	REPORTED INJURIES	NUMBER OF PRODUCTS
Coffee Press Press Release	Housewares	Laceration Hazard	3	85,000 U.S. 300 Can.
Ceramic Travel Mug Press Release	Housewares	Burn Hazard	0	27,000
Mug Press Release	Housewares	Burn Hazard	0	15,300 U.S. 900 Can.
Fire Alarm Press Release	Housewares	Failure Hazard	0	900
Wall Sconce Press Release	Housewares	Shock Hazard	0	1,055
Salt Rock Lamp Press Release	Housewares	Shock/Fire Hazard	0	3,900
Batteries Press Release	Housewares	Fire/Burn Hazard	1	59,100 U.S. 2,100 Can.
Night Light Press Release	Housewares	Fire Hazard	0	37,000
Ride-On Toy Press Release	Child/Infant	Fall Hazard	7	20,000

PRODUCT	PRODUCT CATEGORY	ALLEGED HAZARD	REPORTED INJURIES	NUMBER OF PRODUCTS
Spinner Toy Press Release	Child/Infant	Choking/Ingestion Hazard	1	43,400
Plush Toy Press Release	Child/Infant	Choking Hazard	0	25,000
Iron Supplement Bottle Press Release	Child/Infant	Injury/Death Hazard	0	520
Stroller and Car Seat Combo Press Release	Child/Infant	Fall Hazard	0	1,000
Scooter Press Release	Sporting Goods	Fall Hazard	2	18,700
Bicycle Handlebar Press Release	Sporting Goods	Loss of Control/ Crash Hazard	1	9,700 U.S. 135 Can.
Kiteboard Control System Press Release	Sporting Goods	Injury/Fall Hazard	0	2,900
Bicycle Press Release	Sporting Goods	Fall/Impact Hazard	2	375
Range Press Release	Appliance	Electrocution/ Shock Hazard	Not Provided	6,300
Furnace Press Release	Appliance	Electrical Shock Hazard	0	4,100
Heat Pump Press Release	Appliance	Fire Hazard	0	23,300 U.S. 2,000 Can.
Office Chair Press Release	Furniture	Fall Hazard	0	47,900 U.S. 1,000 Can.
Wicker Furniture Press Release	Furniture	Lead Poisoning Hazard	0	2,500 U.S. 75 Can.
Science Kit Press Release	Miscellaneous	Burn Hazard	0	7,000 U.S. 700 Can.
Massager Press Release	Miscellaneous	Shock/Burn Hazard	15	400,000
Snowmobile Press Release	Vehicle	Crash Hazard	0	6,000

PRODUCT	PRODUCT CATEGORY	ALLEGED HAZARD	REPORTED INJURIES	NUMBER OF PRODUCTS
Off-Highway Vehicle Press Release	Vehicle	Injury Hazard	0	2,200
Scarf Press Release	Apparel	Flammability Hazard	0	200
Off-Board Charger Press Release	Electronics	Shock Hazard	0	24
Clamp Meter Press Release	Tools/Hardware	Electrocution Hazard	0	1,700 U.S. 20 Can.
Lawn Mower Press Release	Yard Equipment	Fire Hazard	0	28,000

The CPSC did not announce any civil penalties in May.

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 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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