

CPSC Recall Snapshot



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

The CPSC seems to have fully recovered from the Shutdown. After announcing only 12 recalls in October, the Commission made up for lost time and announced 21 recalls in November.

In addition to being active on the recall front, the CPSC issued a press release early this month with some startling statistics on holiday decorating injuries. According to the press release, there were approximately 15,000 emergency room visits in 2012 for holiday decorating injuries. The press release also notes that “the most frequently reported holiday decorating incidents seen in emergency departments involved falls (34%), lacerations (11%) and back strains (10%).” The complete press release can be found at [Holiday Injury Press Release](#).

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,

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Voluntary Recalls Announced by the CPSC in October 2013

NUMBER OF RECALLS BY PRODUCT CATEGORY

Child/Infant – 11

Appliances – 3

Housewares – 3

Sporting Goods – 2

Vehicle – 2

PRODUCT	PRODUCT CATEGORY	ALLEGED HAZARD	REPORTED INJURIES	NUMBER OF PRODUCTS
Sandals Press Release	Child/Infant	Choking Hazard	0	1,300
Hooded Sweatshirt Press Release	Child/Infant	Strangulation Hazard	0	200
Hooded Jacket Press Release	Child/Infant	Strangulation Hazard	0	2,400
Trailercycle Press Release	Child/Infant	Fall Hazard	2	4,150 U.S. 17 Can.
Baby Monitor Press Release	Child/Infant	Strangulation Hazard	2 (2 deaths)	600,000
Pajamas Press Release	Child/Infant	Burn Hazard (FFA Violation)	0	2,000
Pajamas Press Release	Child/Infant	Burn Hazard (FFA Violation)	0	1,100
Pajamas Press Release	Child/Infant	Burn Hazard (FFA Violation)	0	800
Wagon Press Release	Child/Infant	Fall Hazard	14	14,000
Cradle Press Release	Child/Infant	Fall Hazard	0	700
Bunk Bed Press Release	Child/Infant	Entrapment Hazard	0	1,000
Food Processor Press Release	Appliance	Laceration Hazard	0	25,000
Refrigerator Press Release	Appliance	Fire Hazard	0	750
Battery Charger Press Release	Appliance	Fire/Burn Hazard	0	578,000 U.S. 49,000 Can.
Outdoor Fireplace Press Release	Housewares	Impact/Burn Hazard	0	1,200
Light Bulb Press Release	Housewares	Fire Hazard	0	2,000
Ceiling Box Press Release	Housewares	Impact Hazard	0	22,400
Avalanche Airbag Press Release	Sporting Goods	Death/Injury Hazard	0	6,400 U.S. 1,800 Can.

PRODUCT	PRODUCT CATEGORY	ALLEGED HAZARD	REPORTED INJURIES	NUMBER OF PRODUCTS
Elliptical Cycle Press Release	Sporting Goods	Fall Hazard	1	7,000 U.S. 200 Can.
Mini Bike Press Release	Vehicle	Fall/Crash Hazard	13	23,000
Golf Cart Press Release	Vehicle	Crash hazard	0	1,450

The CPSC did not announce any Civil Penalties in November.

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 <http://www.alston.com>.

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