

Consumer Product Safety Commission Reporting FAQs

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The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission ("CPSC" or "Commission") is an independent federal regulatory agency created to protect consumers against unreasonable risk of serious injury or death from more than 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. Since its establishment in 1972, the CPSC has played a significant role in outlining and issuing safety standards for a wide range of consumer products introduced into the global market. The recent influx of high-profile recalls has heightened consumer awareness and increased regulatory concern regarding both issuance of, and compliance with, safety standards - leading Congress to pass the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act, establishing new and amended consumer product safety standards for children's and other products and significantly adding to the budget, oversight responsibilities, and enforcement powers of the CPSC.

The following addresses some of the most frequently-asked questions regarding CPSC reporting requirements and enforcement.