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CPSC Recall Snapshot

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

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

The CPSC has announced two major recalls in the last month impacting millions of products. The most recent of these major recalls is the July 6 recall of over 500,000 hoverboards manufactured or sold by 10 different companies. The remedy ranges from repair, to replacement, to refund, depending on the brand at issue. The CPSC press release notes that there have been at least 99 reported incidents of hoverboards overheating, smoking or catching on fire.

The second major recall – one of the largest recalls in history - is the June 28 recall of 29 million dressers and chests sold in the U.S. (plus an additional 6.6 million in Canada). As part of the recall, consumers are entitled to a full refund for chests and dressers manufactured between January 2002 and June 2016. Consumers with chests and dressers manufactured before January 2002 will be eligible for a partial store credit.

In addition to announcing this large product recall, the CPSC announced two civil penalties in June totaling \$8.25 million. With these two civil penalties, the total civil penalties for this year already eclipse the total civil penalties assessed in 2015. No civil penalty this year has been less than \$3.75 million.

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Sincerely,



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Voluntary Recalls Announced by the CPSC in June 2016

NUMBER OF RECALLS BY PRODUCT CATEGORY

Child/Infant – 8 Housewares – 6 Sporting Goods – 3 Tools/Hardware – 3 Electronics – 2
Furniture – 2 Apparel – 1 Vehicle – 1 Yard Equipment – 1

PRODUCT	PRODUCT CATEGORY	ALLEGED HAZARD	REPORTED INJURIES	NUMBER OF PRODUCTS
Gem Jewelry Machine Press Release	Child/Infant	Poisoning Hazard	0	175,000
Nightgown Press Release	Child/Infant	Burn Hazard	0	7,800
Sky Rover Toy Press Release	Child/Infant	Fire/Burn Hazard	0	325,000
Bottle and Food Warmer Press Release	Child/Infant	Fire Hazard	0	255,000
Children's Chair and Swing Press Release	Child/Infant	Poisoning Hazard	0	6,000
Bunk Bed Press Release	Child/Infant	Fall Hazard	8	20,000
Monster Truck and Control Press Release	Child/Infant	Fire Hazard	1	5,040 U.S. 96 Can.
Rattle Press Release	Child/Infant	Choking Hazard	0	550
Room Sensor Press Release	Housewares	Shock Hazard	0	600
Surge Protector Press Release	Housewares	Shock/Fire Hazard	0	9,300 U.S. 1,000 Can.
Handgun Security Safe Press Release	Housewares	Injury Hazard	0	400

PRODUCT	PRODUCT CATEGORY	ALLEGED HAZARD	REPORTED INJURIES	NUMBER OF PRODUCTS
Sit-Stand Desk Converter Press Release	Housewares	Injury Hazard	2	750
Ceramic Mug Press Release	Housewares	Burn/Laceration Hazard	1	150 U.S. 24,000 Can.
Boombbox Press Release	Housewares	Burn/Fire Hazard	0	1,700
Hanging Bow Scale Press Release	Sporting Goods	Impact/Laceration Hazard	1	640
Sled Press Release	Sporting Goods	Crash Hazard	0	4,200
Bicycle Press Release	Sporting Goods	Fall Hazard	0	80
Angle Grinder Press Release	Tools/Hardware	Laceration Hazard	1	200
Voltage Detector Press Release	Tools/Hardware	Burn/Electrocution/Shock Hazard	1	1.2 million U.S. 3,640 Can.
Hard Hat Press Release	Tools/Hardware	Shock Hazard	0	7,500
Computer Battery Press Release	Electronics	Fire/Burn Hazard	0	41,000 U.S. 2,600 Can. 4,500 Mex.
Computer Battery Press Release	Electronics	Fire/Burn Hazard	0	1,700 U.S. 21 Can.
Chest and Dresser Press Release	Furniture	Tip-Over/ Entrapment Hazard	39	29 million U.S. 6.6 million Can.
Chair/Barstool Press Release	Furniture	Injury Hazard	3	2,300
Body Armor Press Release	Apparel	Gunshot Injury Hazard	0	10,000
ROV Press Release	Vehicle	Fire Hazard	0	43,000
Hedge Trimmer Press Release	Yard Equipment	Laceration Hazard	0	8,000 U.S. 1,000 Can.

Civil Penalties Announced by CPSC in June 2016

PRODUCT	PRODUCT CATEGORY	BASIS FOR PENALTY	CIVIL PENALTY AMOUNT
Tea Tumbler Press Release	Housewares	<p>Knowing failure to report a defect and an unreasonable risk of serious injury with tea tumblers.</p> <p>The failure to report began after the company received numerous reports of the tea tumblers unexpectedly exploding, shattering or breaking. There were six reports of injuries to consumers who suffered cuts or burns to fingers or legs.</p>	\$3.75 million
Single Cup Coffeemaker Press Release	Housewares	<p>Knowing failure to report a defect and an unreasonable risk of serious injury with single cup coffeemakers.</p> <p>The failure to report began after the company received numerous reports between 2011 and 2012 of the coffeemakers' brewing chamber opening and spraying hot water and coffee grounds towards consumers. There were 32 reports of burn injuries to consumers.</p>	\$4.5 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 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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