

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

October 2015

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

Earlier this month, the CPSC's Office of the General Counsel sent the CPSC a proposal for a safety standard for highchairs under the Danny Keisar Child Product Safety Notification Act, Section 104 of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008. The proposal is available [here](#). The proposed rule would add requirements for rearward stability and for warnings to F404-15, *Standard Consumer Safety Specification for High Chairs*. The proposed rule sets a "stability index" for highchairs based on factors deemed likely to contribute to tipping. Based on the stability index, the proposed rule would set a pass/fail threshold. The proposed rule also includes changes to warning labels and instructions.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jenifer Keenan'.

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Voluntary Recalls Announced by the CPSC in September 2015

NUMBER OF RECALLS BY PRODUCT CATEGORY

Child/Infant – 9 Housewares – 9 Sporting Goods – 5 Electronics – 4 Furniture – 4
Apparel – 1 Tools/Hardware – 1 Vehicle – 1 Yard Equipment – 1

PRODUCT	PRODUCT CATEGORY	ALLEGED HAZARD	REPORTED INJURIES	NUMBER OF PRODUCTS
Pacifier Clip Press Release	Child/Infant	Choking Hazard	0	45,000 U.S. 5,900 Can.
Trapeze Ring Press Release	Child/Infant	Fall Hazard	15	121,000 U.S. 6,500 Can. 5,500 Mex.
Children's Purse Press Release	Child/Infant	Poisoning Hazard	0	630
Water Bottle Press Release	Child/Infant	Choking Hazard	0	178,000
Mobile Press Release	Child/Infant	Entanglement/ Strangulation Hazard	0	400
Fishing Game Press Release	Child/Infant	Choking Hazard	0	14,000 U.S. 200 Can.
Crib Mattress Press Release	Child/Infant	Fire Hazard	0	38,400
Hoodie Press Release	Child/Infant	Strangulation Hazard	0	1,200
Basket and Stand Press Release	Child/Infant	Fall Hazard	0	6,300
Pizza Wheel Press Release	Housewares	Laceration Hazard	6	328,000 U.S. 8,300 Can.
Roaster Press Release	Housewares	Laceration Hazard	3	146,000

PRODUCT	PRODUCT CATEGORY	ALLEGED HAZARD	REPORTED INJURIES	NUMBER OF PRODUCTS
Halogen Bulb Press Release	Housewares	Laceration/Burn Hazard	2	370,000
Faucet Press Release	Housewares	Fire/Burn Hazard	1	4,500
Smoke Alarm Press Release	Housewares	Fire Hazard	0	950
Blender Press Release	Housewares	Laceration Hazard	0	150 U.S. 860 Can.
Water Dispenser Press Release	Housewares	Fire Hazard	0	190
Downlight Press Release	Housewares	Shock Hazard	0	24,400 U.S. 6,200 Can.
Windshield De-Icer Press Release	Housewares	Poison Hazard	0	4.1 million
Tree Stand Press Release	Sporting Goods	Fall Hazard	0	1,400
Bicycle Press Release	Sporting Goods	Injury Hazard	1	1.3 million U.S. 245,000 Can. 9,000 Mex.
Bicycle Press Release	Sporting Goods	Injury Hazard	2	400 U.S. 4,600 outside U.S.
Kiteboard Control System Press Release	Sporting Goods	Injury Hazard	0	750
Bicycle Press Release	Sporting Goods	Fall Hazard	0	23,000 U.S. 800 Can.
Battery Pack Press Release	Electronics	Fire Hazard	0	300 U.S. 5 Can.
Power Bank Press Release	Electronics	Fire Hazard	0	1,500
Off-Board Charger Press Release	Electronics	Shock Hazard	0	17
Phone Charger Press Release	Electronics	Fire Hazard	0	3,200
Arm Chair Press Release	Furniture	Fall Hazard	8	560
Hammock Stand Press Release	Furniture	Fall Hazard	13	13,900 U.S. 55 Can.
Bed Handle Press Release	Furniture	Entrapment/ Strangulation/ Death Hazard	3	113,000
Chair/Bar Stool Press Release	Furniture	Fall Hazard	0	780
Sandal Press Release	Apparel	Fall Hazard	0	570 U.S. 3 Can.

PRODUCT	PRODUCT CATEGORY	ALLEGED HAZARD	REPORTED INJURIES	NUMBER OF PRODUCTS
Metal Cutter Saw Press Release	Tools/Hardware	Laceration Hazard	0	165
Mini Bike Press Release	Vehicle	Fall/Crash Hazard	11	4,600
Lawn Mower Press Release	Yard Equipment	Fire Hazard	0	450

Civil Penalties Announced by CPSC in September 2015

PRODUCT	PRODUCT CATEGORY	BASIS FOR PENALTY	CIVIL PENALTY AMOUNT
Clip-On Highchair Press Release	Child/Infant	Knowing failure to report a defect and an unreasonable risk of serious injury with highchairs. The failure to report began in 2009 when the company began receiving reports of sides of the highchairs detaching. There were reports of two incidents where children's fingers were amputated.	\$3.5 million

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