

### July 2017

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

Last month, the CPSC released its 2016 Annual Report. The Annual Report was divided among five key strategies: (1) hazard identification and monitoring; (2) safety standards; (3) compliance and enforcement; (4) public outreach; and (5) intergovernmental coordination. Of note, the CPSC in 2016 approved four final rules governing garage door openers, architectural glazing materials, voluntary standards participation, and burden reduction component part testing, as well as two safety standards for children's products, one on carriages and strollers and the other on hook-on chairs. The CPSC also published a whopping 10 proposed rules in 2016. The CPSC highlighted its research "to identify hazardous products and design effective strategies to reduce product hazards," which included research on ATVs, carbon monoxide fatalities, chemical toxicity assessments, fireworks, and nanotechnology. Finally, the CPSC provided summaries for the 10 federal court cases it participated in last year. The entirety of the CPSC's 2016 Annual Report can be found <u>here</u>.

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Sincerely,

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## Voluntary Recalls Announced by the CPSC in June 2017

NUMBER OF RECALLS BY PRODUCT CATEGORY							
Child/Infant – 7 /ehicle – 2	Miscellaneous – 3 Apparel – 2	Sporting Goods – 3 Housewares – 1		Furniture – 2			
PRODUCT	PRODUCT CATEGORY	ALLEGED HAZARD	REPORTED INJURIES	NUMBER OF PRODUCTS			
TV Chest <u>Press Release</u>	Child/Infant	Tip-Over/ Entrapment Hazard	0	1,470			
Coverall <u>Press Release</u>	Child/Infant	Choking Hazard	0	8,500 U.S. 44 Can.			
Chest of Drawers <u>Press Release</u>	Child/Infant	Tip-Over/ Entrapment Hazard	0	68,300			
Children's Robe <u>Press Release</u>	Child/Infant	Burn Hazard	0	2,000			
Children's Robe <u>Press Release</u>	Child/Infant	Burn Hazard	0	7,600			
Children's Playwear <u>Press Release</u>	Child/Infant	Choking Hazard	0	600			
Safety Gate <u>Press Release</u>	Child/Infant	Strangulation/ Entrapment Hazard	0	25,180 U.S. 68,400 Can.			
Commercial Light Fixture <u>Press Release</u>	Miscellaneous	Impact Hazard	0	5,600			
Fireworks <u>Press Release</u>	Miscellaneous	Burn/Injury Hazard	3	36,100			
Swimming Pool Motor <u>Press Release</u>	Miscellaneous	Electrical Shock Hazard	0	16,000 U.S. 22 Can.			
Bicycle <u>Press Release</u>	Sporting Goods	Fall Hazard	0	1,000 U.S. 240 Can.			
Belay Device <u>Press Release</u>	Sporting Goods	Fall/Injury Hazard	0	2,600 U.S. 100 Can.			

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PRODUCT	PRODUCT CATEGORY	ALLEGED HAZARD	REPORTED INJURIES	NUMBER OF PRODUCTS
Bicycle Fork <u>Press Release</u>	Sporting Goods	Fall Hazard	0	40
Chair <u>Press Release</u>	Furniture	Fall Hazard	4	3,300
Office Chair <u>Press Release</u>	Furniture	Fall Hazard	3	124,000
Off-Highway Vehicle <u>Press Release</u>	Vehicle	Fire Hazard	0	6,600
Snowmobile <u>Press Release</u>	Vehicle	Impact Hazard	0	2,700
Scarf <u>Press Release</u>	Apparel	Burn Hazard	0	2,000
Light Fixture <u>Press Release</u>	Housewares	Laceration/Burn Hazard	2	64,200

#### Civil Penalties Announced by the CPSC in June 2017.

PRODUCT	PRODUCT CATEGORY	BASIS FOR PENALTY	CIVIL PENALTY AMOUNT
Recreational Off- Highway Vehicle <u>Press Release</u>	Vehicle	Knowing failure to report a defect and an unreasonable risk of serious injury with the recreational off-highway vehicles, as well as a misrepresentation of the number of incidents that had occurred with the vehicles. The failure to report began after the company received more than 400 reports that the vehicles' floorboards cracked and broke during normal use. The firm reported only one incidence out of the hundreds of incidents the firm knew of.	\$5.2 million

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