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

Effective October 1, 2019, Commissioner Bob Adler became the acting chairman of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. He was elected by majority vote of his fellow commissioners to replace Ann Marie Buerkle, who announced in June that she would be stepping down as acting chairwoman. She continued to serve as a CPSC commissioner until October 27, 2019.

Some say the election of Adler, a Democrat, is a surprise, given that the commission was made up of a 3–2 Republican majority at the time of the vote. Buerkle, a Republican, voted for Adler, stating that she believed the “most experienced, most senior commissioner” should be the one to serve in the role. The other Republican commissioners, Peter Feldman and Dana Baiocco, both joined the CPSC in 2018. Elliot Kaye (D) has served as a commissioner since 2014, and Adler has served since 2009. Buerkle’s departure from the CPSC altogether means the commission will return to a 2–2 split along party lines. This occurs barely one year after the Republicans gained a majority on the CPSC for the first time since 2006.

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Voluntary Recalls Announced by the CPSC in September 2019

NUMBER OF RECALLS BY PRODUCT CATEGORY

Appliance – 1 Child/Infant – 3 Furniture – 2 Housewares – 1 Miscellaneous – 4
Sporting Goods – 1 Tools/Hardware – 1 Vehicles – 3 Yard Equipment – 2

PRODUCT	PRODUCT CATEGORY	ALLEGED HAZARD	REPORTED INJURIES	NUMBER OF PRODUCTS
Dishwasher Press Release	Appliance	Fire Hazard	0	26,600 U.S. 4,300 Can.
Children's Bunk Bed Press Release	Child/Infant	Fall/Injury Hazard	0	1,200
Children's Loungewear Press Release	Child/Infant	Burn Hazard	0	14,100
Handmade Knit Dolls Press Release	Child/Infant	Puncture Injury Hazard	0	4,500
Chest Press Release	Furniture	Tip-Over/ Entrapment Hazard	0	640
Workstation Press Release	Furniture	Injury Hazard	12	22,700 U.S. 2,200 Can.
Pendant Lights Press Release	Housewares	Fire Hazard	0	750 U.S. 289 Can.
Collectible Helmet Press Release	Misc.	Mold Exposure/ Infection Hazard	0	20,000
Essential Oil Press Release	Misc.	Poison Hazard	0	32,000
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PRODUCT	PRODUCT CATEGORY	ALLEGED HAZARD	REPORTED INJURIES	NUMBER OF PRODUCTS
Safety Goggles Press Release	Misc.	Laceration Hazard	0	10,500 U.S. 735 Can.
Air Rifle Press Release	Sporting Goods	Serious Injury/ Hazard	0	1,400
Utility Bar Press Release	Tools/Hardware	Injury Hazard	4	145,000
ROV Press Release	Vehicles	Crash/Injury Hazard	0	2,600
Steering Wheel Adaptor Press Release	Vehicles	Crash Hazard	0	260
Utility Vehicle Press Release	Vehicles	Crash Hazard	0	19,730 U.S. 840 Can.
Grooming Mowers Press Release	Yard Equipment	Entanglement Injury Hazard	0	730 U.S. 20 Can.
Mowing Head Press Release	Yard Equipment	Injury Hazard	2	73,000

The CPSC did not announce any civil penalties in September.

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