



# Exposure and Risk Assessment Approaches for Emerging Consumer Technologies and Materials

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# U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission



CPSC is a federal government agency charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death associated with the use of over 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction.

**\$1  
Trillion**

Deaths, injuries, and property damage from consumer product incidents cost the nation more than \$1 trillion annually.

**CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, biological, or mechanical hazard.**

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**CPSC's work to improve the safety of consumer products - such as toys, cribs, power tools, cigarette lighters, textiles, and household chemicals - contributed to a decline in the rate of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products over the past 40 years.**



# Emerging Hazards and Trends

Emerging and future consumer products and technologies identified in this report include:

- **3D Printers and the printed products;**
- **Internet home-based smart technologies (IOT);**
- **Wearable products and technologies;**
- **New materials, including nanomaterials;**
- **Virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) games;**
- **Robotics, including robotic products to assist older adults**



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