



Legal Issues Forum

Standards for Safety and Sustainability

The CPSIA and the Consumer Perspective

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Consumer Coalition behind the CPSIA

- Consumers Union
- Consumer Federation Of America
- U.S. Public Interest Research Group
- Kids in Danger
- American Academy of Pediatrics
- Public Citizen
- National Research Center for Women and Families

Lead

- Millions of toys recalled for violation of lead paint standard
- Lead became a key component in some children's metal jewelry – million of items recalled
- No lead limits placed on children's vinyl products – toys, lunchboxes, etc.



Mandatory Toy Safety Standards

- Widespread non-compliance
- Levels the playing field
- Will address emerging hazards



Mandatory Safety Standards for Durable Nursery Products

- Non-compliance issues
- Some weak standards
- Millions of sleep environment recalls - deaths
- Registration cards needed to improve recall responses



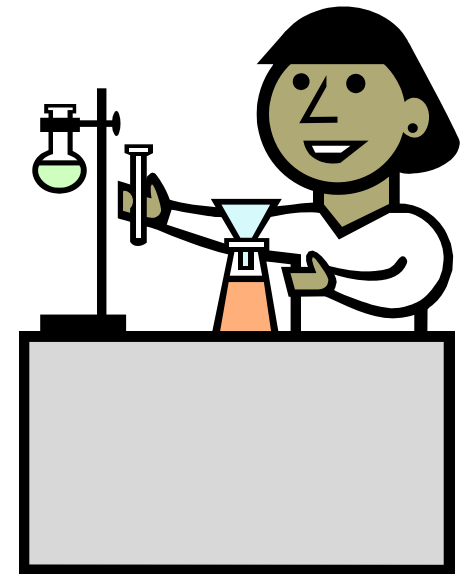
Mandatory ATV Safety Standards

- Huge death toll – 800+ per year - many children
- Non-compliance issues
- Weak standards



Third Party Testing and Certification

- Reduces CPSC's policing burden
- Reduces conflict-of-interest issues
- Standardizes test methods
- Provides documented compliance



Phthalates

- Reproductive and endocrine system risk
- Ban on key phthalates harmonizes with EU standards



Larger Civil Penalty Limits

- Provides deterrent to big companies from violating the law



Tracking Labels



- Makes it easier for consumers and retailers to identify recalled products
- Can reduce scope of recall

Enhanced Recall Authority

- Prevents sale of recalled products in primary and secondary markets – protects the poor
- State AG's put more cops on the beat



Publicly Accessible Database

- Can provide early warning to consumers
- Allows outside parties to research safety issues
- Supports transparency in Government



Racial Disparities

- Study to identify racial disparities in product-related injury
- Will allow remediation and education to be better targeted.

