

CPSC Overview



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U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

- An independent federal agency
- Established in May 1973
- Responsible for consumer product safety functions of the federal government
- Five Commissioners, appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate

Mission

Keeping Consumer Safe



U.S. Consumer Product
Safety Commission

U.S. Estimated Annual Losses Associated with Consumer Products

43,000
Deaths

40 Million
Injuries

\$1 Trillion
Societal Costs

Consumer Products EXCLUDED from CPSC Jurisdiction

“... any article which is not customarily produced or distributed for sale to, or use or consumption by, or enjoyment of, a consumer...”*

Alcoholic beverages, tobacco, firearms and explosives (BATFE)

Motor vehicles and equipment (NHTSA)

Pesticides (EPA)

Aircraft (FAA)

Boats (Coast Guard)

Food and drugs (USDA and FDA)

Occupational products (OSHA)

Fixed-site amusement park rides (State jurisdiction)



* 15 U.S.C. § 2052 3(a)(5)(A)