

## CPSC Approves New Registration Rules for Child/Infant Products

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We've been posting recently in regards to several large recalls of products that were intended for use by children and infants, and all of these recalls has <u>raised the level of concern</u> by parents to previously unseen heights. In response to the public outcry against the penetration of these defective child products on the market, the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has announced new rules that are intended to improve the registration process and thereby ramp up the efficiency of future recalls.

According to a press release put out by the CPSC:

"The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) on December 16, 2009 unanimously approved (5-0) a new rule requiring manufacturers of durable infant or toddler products to establish and maintain a registration card program.

As mandated by the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA) Sec. 104(d)(1), CPSC is issuing a final consumer product safety rule requiring each manufacturer of a durable infant or toddler product to: (1) provide a postage-paid consumer registration form with each product; (2) keep records of consumers who register their products with the manufacturer; and (3) permanently place the manufacturer's name and contact information, model name and number, and the date of manufacture on each such product. The final rule specifies the text and format for the registration form and establishes requirements for registration through the internet.

This new rule affects 18 product categories: full-size cribs and nonfull-size cribs; toddler beds; high chairs, booster chairs, and hook-on chairs; bath seats; gates and other enclosures for confining a child; play yards; stationary activity centers; infant carriers; strollers; walkers; swings; bassinets and cradles; children's folding chairs; changing tables; infant bouncers; infant bathtubs; portable toddler bed rails; and infant slings."

While these rules could help improve overall safety, they will not release companies that introduce defective products to the market from liability. If your child has been injured by such a product, you need the help of Sacramento defective products lawyers who have years of experience in successfully obtaining recoveries from those responsible for these injuries. Contact Demas & Rosenthal today to schedule a free initial consultation.