

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a camera lens. The lens is black with silver accents and has 'MD 28mm 1:2' printed on it. The hand is positioned as if about to take a photo.

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Welcome to the August edition of the Alston & Bird *CPSC Recall Snapshot*.

The number of products subject to recalls this year is on pace to dwarf the number of recalled units in recent years. On the heels of the recent IKEA recall involving 29 million units, the CPSC announced the recall of over 5.4 million units of clog removers because the bottles were not child-resistant. The number of units covered by these two recalls alone exceeds the 30.7 million total units that were recalled in 2015. In addition to recalls involving a large number of units, the CPSC recently [announced](#) a highly anticipated recall involving hoverboards from 10 firms. In total, 501,000 units were recalled because the hoverboards' lithium-ion battery packs can overheat and smoke, catch fire, or explode. The CPSC indicated that there have been 99 reports of incidents involving battery packs overheating. Several incidents resulted in burn injuries and property damage.

Click [here](#) to subscribe to the *Snapshot*. For additional information or questions about CPSC issues, please email me at: [jennifer.keenan@alston.com](mailto:jennifer.keenan@alston.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jenifer Keenan'.

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### Voluntary Recalls Announced by the CPSC in July 2016

#### NUMBER OF RECALLS BY PRODUCT CATEGORY

Miscellaneous – 11    Child/Infant – 9    Housewares – 7    Appliance – 2    Sporting Goods – 2  
Vehicle – 2    Electronics – 1    Furniture – 1    Tools/Hardware – 1

PRODUCT	PRODUCT CATEGORY	ALLEGED HAZARD	REPORTED INJURIES	NUMBER OF PRODUCTS
Self-Balancing Scooter/ Hoverboard <a href="#">Press Release</a>	Miscellaneous	Smoke/Fire/ Explosion Hazard	0	4,900
Self-Balancing Scooter/ Hoverboard <a href="#">Press Release</a>	Miscellaneous	Smoke/Fire/ Explosion Hazard	0	800
Self-Balancing Scooter/ Hoverboard <a href="#">Press Release</a>	Miscellaneous	Smoke/Fire/ Explosion Hazard	0	70,000
Self-Balancing Scooter/ Hoverboard <a href="#">Press Release</a>	Miscellaneous	Smoke/Fire/ Explosion Hazard	16	267,000 (U.S.) 5,000 (Can.)
Self-Balancing Scooter/ Hoverboard <a href="#">Press Release</a>	Miscellaneous	Smoke/Fire/ Explosion Hazard	0	1,300
Self-Balancing Scooter/ Hoverboard <a href="#">Press Release</a>	Miscellaneous	Smoke/Fire/ Explosion Hazard	2	16,000
Self-Balancing Scooter/ Hoverboard <a href="#">Press Release</a>	Miscellaneous	Smoke/Fire/ Explosion Hazard	0	4,300
Self-Balancing Scooter/ Hoverboard <a href="#">Press Release</a>	Miscellaneous	Smoke/Fire/ Explosion Hazard	0	28,000

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Self-Balancing Scooter/ Hoverboard <a href="#">Press Release</a>	Miscellaneous	Smoke/Fire/ Explosion Hazard	0	84,000
Self-Balancing Scooter/ Hoverboard <a href="#">Press Release</a>	Miscellaneous	Smoke/Fire/ Explosion Hazard	0	25,000
Electric Scooter <a href="#">Press Release</a>	Miscellaneous	Fall Hazard	1	1,200
Baby Monitor <a href="#">Press Release</a>	Child/Infant	Burn Hazard	0	26,000 U.S. 8,000 Can.
Nightgown <a href="#">Press Release</a>	Child/Infant	Burn Hazard	0	65
Blister Pack <a href="#">Press Release</a>	Child/Infant	Poison Hazard	0	5,730
Clog Remover <a href="#">Press Release</a>	Child/Infant	Burn/Irritation Hazard	0	5.4 million
Water Bottle <a href="#">Press Release</a>	Child/Infant	Ingestion Hazard	0	6,700
Jewelry <a href="#">Press Release</a>	Child/Infant	Ingestion Hazard	0	10,000 U.S. 400 Can.
Safety Gate and Gate Extension <a href="#">Press Release</a>	Child/Infant	Fall Hazard	10 (2 U.S.)	80,000 U.S. 28,000 Can.
Jogging Stroller <a href="#">Press Release</a>	Child/Infant	Crash/Fall Hazard	215	217,600
Swaddle and Sleep Bag <a href="#">Press Release</a>	Child/Infant	Choking Hazard	0	1,900
Heat Wrap <a href="#">Press Release</a>	Housewares	Burn Hazard	3	10,000
Fireworks <a href="#">Press Release</a>	Housewares	Fire/Burn Hazard	0	14,000
Flushing System <a href="#">Press Release</a>	Housewares	Impact/Laceration Hazard	1	453,000 U.S. 12,000 Can.
Floor Lamp <a href="#">Press Release</a>	Housewares	Fire/Shock Hazard	0	2,700
Water Dispenser <a href="#">Press Release</a>	Housewares	Burn/Fire Hazard	0	10,900
Mist Diffuser <a href="#">Press Release</a>	Housewares	Mold Exposure Hazard	0	44,000 U.S. 4,800 Can. 400 Mex.
Oven Mitt <a href="#">Press Release</a>	Housewares	Burn Hazard	241	360,000 U.S. 15,000 Can. 380 Mex.
Wall Oven <a href="#">Press Release</a>	Appliance	Fire Hazard	0	1,000

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Generator <a href="#">Press Release</a>	Appliance	Fire Hazard	0	2,200
Commuter Bicycle <a href="#">Press Release</a>	Sporting Goods	Fall Hazard	1	3,100 U.S. 400 Can.
Crossbow Rope Cocking Device <a href="#">Press Release</a>	Sporting Goods	Injury/Laceration Hazard	1	1,400
Utility Vehicle <a href="#">Press Release</a>	Vehicle	Fire Hazard	0	240
Off-Highway Vehicle <a href="#">Press Release</a>	Vehicle	Injury Hazard	1	25,000
Universal Transmitter <a href="#">Press Release</a>	Electronics	Failure Hazard	0	5,500
Dresser and Nightstand <a href="#">Press Release</a>	Furniture	Tip-Over/ Entrapment Hazard	1	1,700
Ice Axe <a href="#">Press Release</a>	Tools/Hardware	Laceration/Impact Hazard	0	20

**The CPSC did not announce any civil penalties in July.**

Alston & Bird helps companies navigate the CPSC's complex regulations—from testing, to labeling, to recalls—and everything in between. We also help companies monitor and respond to complaints submitted to the CPSC's consumer complaint database, [www.SaferProducts.gov](http://www.SaferProducts.gov). For additional information or questions about recalls, the SaferProducts.gov database or other CPSC issues, please email [jenifer.keenan@alston.com](mailto:jenifer.keenan@alston.com) or visit the firm's website at [www.alston.com](http://www.alston.com).

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