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### **CPSC** RECALL SNAPSHOT

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

Earlier this month, the CPSC announced a new federal standard for infant slings, geared toward preventing deaths and injuries to young children. The new standard requires carriers to be able to carry three times the manufacturer's maximum recommended weight; to be more durable to avoid tears, breakage, etc.; and to be able to prevent children from falling out of the slings during normal use. The standard also requires the slings to have permanently attached warnings and come with instructions and illustrated diagrams for the proper position of a child in the sling. The warning labels must address the suffocation hazards posed by slings and prevention measures, the hazards of children falling out of slings, and a reminder for caregivers to check the buckles, snaps, rings, and other hardware to make sure no parts are broken. The standard applies to all slings manufactured or imported after January 20, 2018.

Click <u>here</u> to subscribe to the *Snapshot*. For additional information or questions about CPSC issues, please email us at: <u>jenifer.keenan@alston.com</u> and <u>brad.strickland@alston.com</u>.

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PRODUCT	PRODUCT CATEGORY	ALLEGED HAZARD	REPORTED INJURIES	NUMBER OF PRODUCTS
Pain/Itch Relief Cream <u>Press Release</u>	Child/Infant	Poison Hazard	0	74,000
Travel Mobile <u>Press Release</u>	Child/Infant	Injury Hazard	0	37,000 U.S. 4,800 Can.
Bean Bag Chair Cover <u>Press Release</u>	Child/Infant	Entrapment/ Suffocation Hazard	0	1,200
High Chair <u>Press Release</u>	Child/Infant	Fall/Injury Hazard	2	7,900 U.S. 2,000 Can.
Infant Rattle <u>Press Release</u>	Child/Infant	Choking Hazard	0	280,000
Fidget Spinner Keychain <u>Press Release</u>	Child/Infant	Choking Hazard	0	20,000
Bassinet/Cradle Press Release	Child/Infant	Entrapment/Fall Hazard	0	1,000
Television & Swivel Stand <u>Press Release</u>	Electronics	Tip-Over Hazard	0	755 U.S. 130 Can.
Digital Camera Wall Plug <u>Press Release</u>	Electronics	Shock Hazard	0	270,000 U.S. 24,000 Can.
Computer/ Workstation Batteries <u>Press Release</u>	Electronics	Fire/Burn Hazard	1	5,000 U.S. 2,600 Can.
Snow Globe Press Release	Housewares	Fire Hazard	0	43

#### NUMBER OF RECALLS BY PRODUCT CATEGORY

PRODUCT	PRODUCT CATEGORY	ALLEGED HAZARD	REPORTED INJURIES	NUMBER OF PRODUCTS
Comforter <u>Press Release</u>	Housewares	Mold Hazard	0	175,000 U.S. 20 Can.
Canister Light Kit <u>Press Release</u>	Housewares	Shock/Electrocution Hazard	0	45,000 U.S. 11,000 Can.
Space Heater Press Release	Appliance	Fire/Burn Hazard	0	5,000 U.S. 100 Can.
Water Cooler/Bottle Filling Station <u>Press Release</u>	Appliance	Shock Hazard	0	31,600
Murphy Bed Kit <u>Press Release</u>	Furniture	Entrapment/ Tip-Over Hazard	1	2,300
Bar Stool <u>Press Release</u>	Furniture	Fall Hazard	0	500
Lawn Mower Blade Spindle <u>Press Release</u>	Yard Equipment	Impact Hazard	0	900 U.S. 75 Can.
Utility Tractor <u>Press Release</u>	Yard Equipment	Crash/Injury Hazard	0	600 U.S. 5 Can.

#### The CPSC did not announce any civil penalties in January 2018.

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