

# Recall Index - Fourth Quarter 2011

## Children's Products

Nursery equipment & supplies and toys accounted for 11 CPSC recalls during the fourth quarter. Of the 15 product categories recognized by the CPSC, these two accounted for about 17 percent of all recalls in the quarter and affected less than 1 million units.

The total number of children's and infant product recalls decreased 8 percent compared to the previous quarter, recording a new five-quarter low. Recalls in the toy category decreased more than 50 percent compared to the previous quarter, while nursery equipment & supply recalls more than doubled compared to the third quarter of 2011.

The primary cause of children's and infant product recalls was the choking risk associated with small parts. This risk prompted five recalls within these product categories, representing more than 45 percent of children's and infant product recalls. Fall hazards and entrapment and strangulation risks were the second leading causes, each triggering two recalls.

The ExpertRECALL Index also revealed the following:

- Of fourth-quarter recalls, about 37 percent were in the toy category, while about 63 percent were nursery equipment & supplies.
- Children's and infant products recalled in the fourth quarter were responsible for 56 reported incidents.
- Four injuries were associated with three nursery equipment & supply recalls. Toy recalls were associated with only one injury.
- Ten companies initiated recalls in the fourth quarter.

