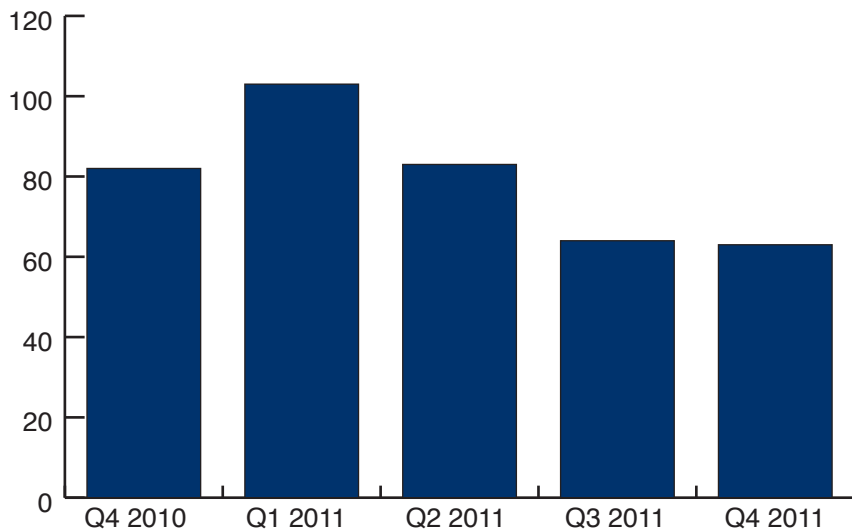


CPSC Recalls by Product Category in Q4 2011



Consumer Product Recalls by Quarter



# Recall Index - Fourth Quarter 2011

## Consumer Products

Consumer product recalls initiated at the recommendation of the CPSC in the fourth quarter reached a new five-quarter low with 63 recalls. Fourth-quarter recalls affected more than 4.6 million units that were responsible for more than 500 reported product safety incidents. There were more than 100 injuries related to 22 of the recalls announced during the fourth quarter. No deaths were reported.

During the fourth quarter, the CPSC announced more recalls than the previous quarter in the child nursery equipment & supplies; sports/recreational activities & equipment; home communication, entertainment & hobby; personal use items; home workshop apparatus; and housewares categories. The CPSC announced fewer recalls in the toys; yard & garden equipment; home furnishings & fixtures; and miscellaneous products categories.

The ExpertRECALL Index also revealed the following:

- Laceration hazards were the leading cause of CPSC recalls during the fourth quarter, triggering eight recalls. Risks of structural collapse and entrapment/strangulation hazards were the second-leading causes, each triggering seven recalls.
- Recalls of products in the sports/recreational activities & equipment category accounted for more than 20 percent of fourth-quarter recalls, representing the leading category of products recalled.
- During the fourth quarter, 58 companies initiated recalls, with five manufacturers being involved in more than one recall.
- In the fourth quarter, there were no recalls initiated at the recommendation of the CPSC in the product packaging; yard & garden equipment; and home & family maintenance products categories.