

Recall Index - Third Quarter 2011

Children's Products

Children's products, as defined by CPSC-designated categories nursery equipment & supplies and toys, accounted for 12 CPSC recalls during the third quarter. Of the 15 product categories recognized by the CPSC, these two accounted for less than 20 percent of all recalls in the quarter and affected approximately 3.4 million units.

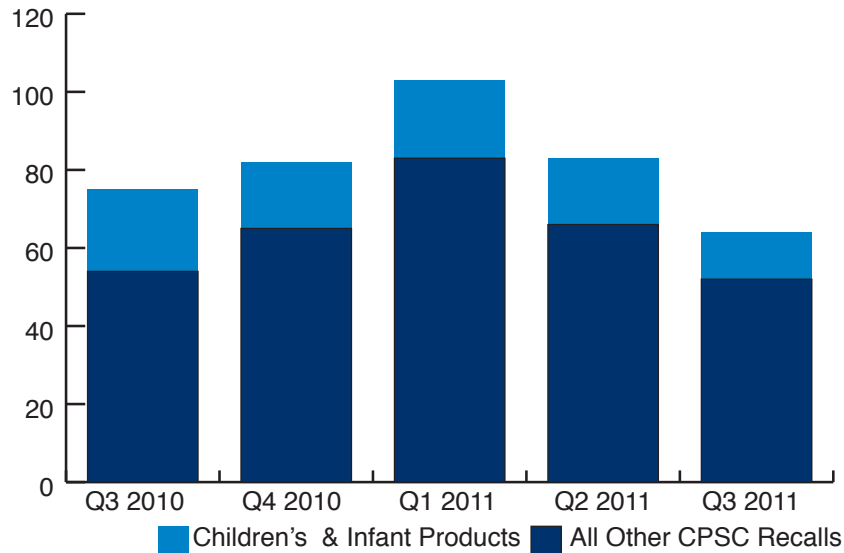
The total number of children's and infant product recalls decreased approximately 30 percent compared to the previous quarter, recording a five quarter low. Recalls in the toy category increased 30 percent compared to the previous quarter, while nursery equipment & supply recalls decreased from 10 to 3 which amounts to a 70% decrease compared to the second 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 40 percent of children's and infant product recalls. Fall hazards were the second leading cause, triggering three recalls; entrapment and strangulation hazards were the third leading cause, with two recalls.

The ExpertRECALL Index also revealed the following:

- Recalls of child nursery equipment & supplies reached a five-quarter low of three recalls.
- Children's and infant products recalled in the third quarter were responsible for 177 reported incidents.
- Eighteen injuries were associated with four toy recalls. Nursery equipment & supply recalls were not associated with any injuries.
- Eleven companies initiated recalls in the third quarter.

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