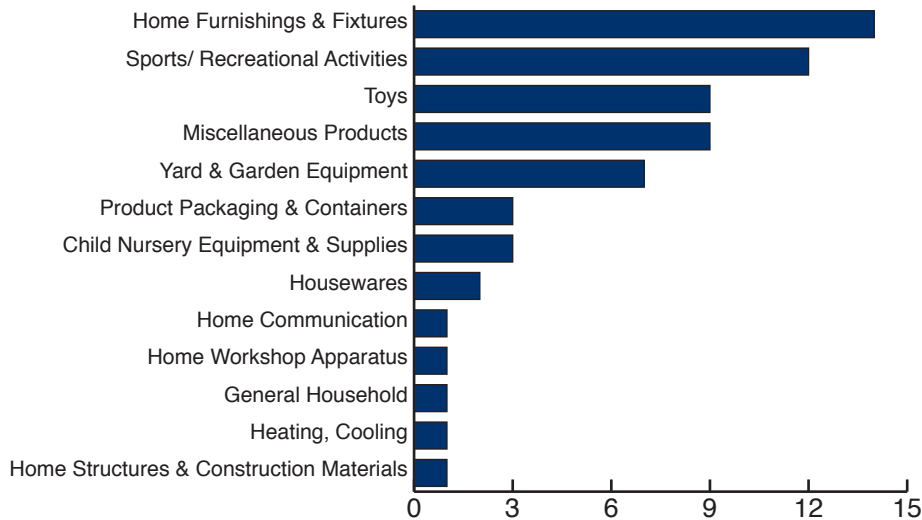
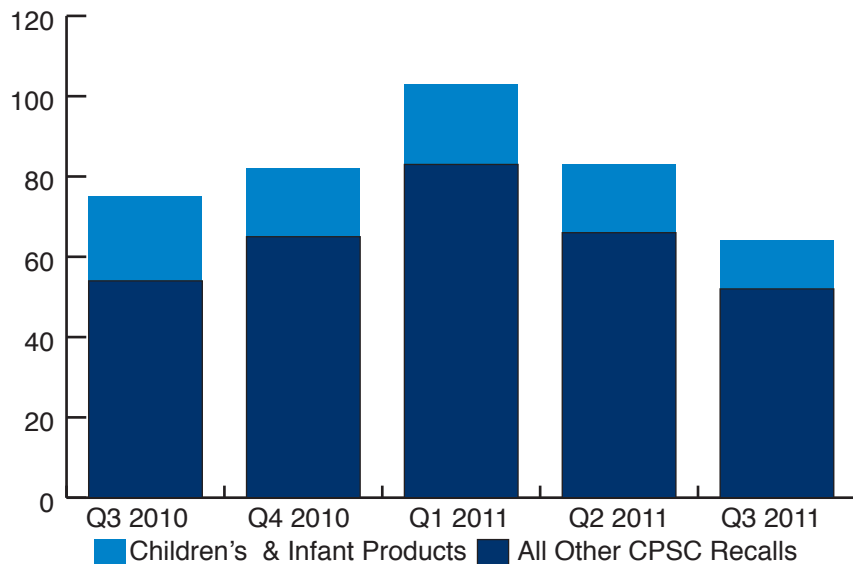


CPSC Recalls by Product Category Q3 2011



Consumer Product Recalls



Recall Index - Third Quarter 2011

Consumer Products

Consumer product recalls initiated under the jurisdiction of the CPSC in the third quarter reached a new five-quarter low. Recalls decreased more than 20 percent in the third quarter to 64, compared with 83 recalls in the previous quarter. Third quarter recalls affected more than 9 million units that were responsible for more than 1,200 reported product safety incidents. There were nearly 60 injuries related to 19 of the recalls announced during the third quarter. No deaths were reported.

During the third quarter, the CPSC announced more recalls than the previous quarter in the toys, home furnishings & fixtures and home structures & construction materials categories; recalls in the miscellaneous product category also increased as a result of eight recalls of gel fuel products by several independent companies.

The ExpertRECALL Index also revealed the following:

- Burn hazards and structural collapse risks were the leading cause of CPSC recalls during the third quarter, each triggering nine recalls during the quarter. Laceration hazards were the third leading cause of recalls
- Recalls of home furnishings & fixtures products accounted for more than 20 percent of third quarter recalls, representing the leading category of products recalled.
- During the third quarter 55 companies initiated recalls, with five manufacturers being involved in more than one recall.
- The CPSC did not recall any products in the product packaging and containers or the home & family maintenance products categories during the quarter.
- Three recalls affected more than one million units each.