

# U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)

## Product Screening



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# Reporting Requirements

Importers/Manufacturers/Distributors/Retailers have a legal obligation to immediately report to the CPSC if one of their products:

- Fails to comply with an applicable consumer product safety rule or any other rule, regulation, standard, or ban enforced by the CPSC
- Contains a defect that presents or could present a substantial risk of injury to consumers.
- Creates an unreasonable risk of injury or death

# Market Surveillance Activities

## Retail

- Program plan for regulated products; surveillance for defects and other risks

## Internet

- Check for conformity with regulations and for recalled products

## Ports and Airports

- Investigators at key ports of entry
- Analysts identify most likely at-risk products

# Retail Surveillance

- Includes in-store screening of products to ensure products are labeled properly, are contained in proper child-resistant packaging when required, and meet generally accepted industry voluntary standards in addition to mandatory standards. Includes on-site XRF testing, when feasible.

# Retail Surveillance

- Targeted blitzes focused on holiday toy safety, lead content in children's products, and poor quality electrical products
- If there is a question about whether the product may pose a hazard, or if more in-depth examination and testing are required, official samples are collected for rapid lab analysis.

# Internet Surveillance

- No longer a new challenge– many firms sell their products exclusively from Internet websites, and there would be no CPSC oversight of these sellers at all if Internet surveillance was not conducted.
- CPSC dedicates investigative staff to Internet surveillance, some full-time.

# Port Surveillance

- Certificates of Conformity
- Tracking Labels

# Port Surveillance – Lead, Phthalates

- X-ray fluorescence (XRF)
- Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR)

# Port Surveillance – Children's Products

- Toy Labeling
- Small Balls for Children under 3 years
- Small Parts
- Rattles
- Pacifiers
- Drawstrings
- Children's Sleepwear

# Port Surveillance – Electrical Products

- Handheld Hair Dryers
- Holiday Lights
- Extension Cords

# Questions?

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