

# CPSC BUSINESS DESKTOP REFERENCE GUIDE

**Children's Products:** The CPSIA requires domestic manufacturers or importers of children's products ([cpsc.gov/childrensproduct](http://cpsc.gov/childrensproduct)) to issue a "Children's Product Certificate" ([cpsc.gov/cpc](http://cpsc.gov/cpc)) based on passing test results from a CPSC-accepted, third party laboratory ([cpsc.gov/labsearch](http://cpsc.gov/labsearch)). Manufacturers should first determine the intended age for the product's users ([cpsc.gov/childrensproduct](http://cpsc.gov/childrensproduct)). Manufacturers must then identify the set of requirements to which they must test their product, based on the intended age grading, the physical and mechanical attributes of the product, and the materials used in production. **Turn over** for a list of common requirements that may apply to your product.

Domestic manufacturers or importers of children's products must also ensure that the product and its packaging bear the required tracking information ([cpsc.gov/trackinglabel](http://cpsc.gov/trackinglabel)).

**General Use, or Non-Children's, Products:** The CPSIA requires domestic manufacturers or importers of non-children's products ([cpsc.gov/generaluse](http://cpsc.gov/generaluse)) for which a consumer product safety rule, or any similar rule, ban, standard, or regulation under any law enforced by the CPSC is in effect, to issue a "General Certificate of Conformity" ([cpsc.gov/gcc](http://cpsc.gov/gcc)). The GCC must be based on a test of each product or a reasonable testing program. **Turn over** for a list of common requirements that may apply to your product.

Unlike children's products, the testing or reasonable testing program is not required to use a CPSC-accepted laboratory, nor is tracking information required to be affixed to the product.

**Duty to Report:** Even if your consumer product is not subject to a rule, regulation, standard, or ban under any law enforced by the CPSC, or even if it is and you have already tested and certified your product, you still have one more important legal responsibility. You have a legal obligation to immediately and fully report information about your product that indicates that the product:

- (i) is defective and could create a substantial risk of injury to consumers or is a product that is otherwise unreasonably hazardous or dangerous for consumers;
- (ii) fails to comply with any rule, regulation, standard, or ban any other statute enforced by the CPSC;
- (iii) was choked on by a child and, as a result of the incident, the child died, suffered serious injury, ceased breathing for any length of time, or was treated by a medical professional;
- (iv) has been specified as a substantial product hazard by the Commission (such as children's upper outerwear with drawstrings or hair dryers without immersion protection devices); or
- (v) was subject to certain types of lawsuits. Exact legal reporting requirements are at [cpsc.gov/reporting](http://cpsc.gov/reporting).

To comply with your duty to report, you must analyze safety reports about your own products through monitoring reports made to your company, reviews online, and elsewhere, including the CPSC's publicly accessible and searchable database at [SaferProducts.gov](http://SaferProducts.gov).

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## Key Substantive Children's Product Safety Rules

- Total Lead Content:** [www.cpsc.gov/lead](http://www.cpsc.gov/lead)  
100 parts per million
- Lead in Paint and Surface Coatings:** [www.cpsc.gov/leadinpaint](http://www.cpsc.gov/leadinpaint)  
90 parts per million
- Small Parts Requirements:** [www.cpsc.gov/smallparts](http://www.cpsc.gov/smallparts)  
(Ban on products for children less than 3 years old; warning labels apply for products intended for children between 3 and less than 6 years old)
- Toy Safety Standard (Toys):** [www.cpsc.gov/toysafety](http://www.cpsc.gov/toysafety)  
ASTM F963-11
- Ban on Phthalates (Certain toys and child care articles):** [www.cpsc.gov/phthalates](http://www.cpsc.gov/phthalates)
- Durable Infant or Nursery Products:** [www.cpsc.gov/durableinfantproducts](http://www.cpsc.gov/durableinfantproducts)  
Cribs, infant walkers, infant bath seats, bassinets, strollers, baby carriers, high chairs, and other similar items
- Product Registration Card Requirement:** [www.cpsc.gov/productregistrationcard](http://www.cpsc.gov/productregistrationcard)
- Hazardous Substances:** [www.cpsc.gov/table](http://www.cpsc.gov/table)  
The Federal Hazardous Substances Act (FHSA) bans hazardous substances in children's products.
- Small Batch Manufacturers:** [www.cpsc.gov/smallbatch](http://www.cpsc.gov/smallbatch)  
Companies with revenues below \$1 m that meet additional requirements

## Key Procedural Requirements for Children's Products

- Third Party Testing; Material Changes; Component Part Testing; Periodic Testing:** [www.cpsc.gov/testing](http://www.cpsc.gov/testing)  
Guidance on testing and certification
- Locate a CPSC-accepted laboratory:** [www.cpsc.gov/labsearch](http://www.cpsc.gov/labsearch)  
**Important:** Children's products must be third party tested by a CPSC-accepted laboratory. Your children's product may be subject to multiple regulations, and you may need to conduct multiple searches to find a laboratory that meets your particular needs.
- Children's Product Certificate (CPC):** [www.cpsc.gov/cpc](http://www.cpsc.gov/cpc)  
Manufacturers and importers must issue a CPC to retailers and distributors for all children's products.
- Tracking Information:** [www.cpsc.gov/trackinglabel](http://www.cpsc.gov/trackinglabel)  
Affix to product and its packaging

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## Key Substantive Requirements for Non-Children's Products

- Regulated Product Table:** [www.cpsc.gov/table](http://www.cpsc.gov/table)  
Some, but not all, general, or non-children's, products are subject to federal consumer product safety regulations.
- General Certificate of Conformity (GCC):** [www.cpsc.gov/gcc](http://www.cpsc.gov/gcc)  
Manufacturers and importers must issue a GCC to retailers and distributors for regulated products.
- FAQs: Testing and Reasonable Testing Programs:** [www.cpsc.gov/generaluse](http://www.cpsc.gov/generaluse)

