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# Operating Plan

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# FY 2026 Operating Plan

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

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## MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING CHAIRMAN

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is committed to protecting American families from unreasonable risks of injury associated with consumer products. The FY 2026 Operating Plan outlines the Commission's top priorities for the fiscal year and reflects the themes raised through the FY26/FY27 Agenda and Priorities Hearing, written public comments, and input from stakeholders and staff. It also builds on the historic progress the agency made under new leadership in FY 2025, issuing a record number of recalls and safety warnings, strengthening import surveillance, advancing lifesaving rules, and removing hazardous products from the marketplace.

In FY 2026, the Commission will focus its resources on hazards where the evidence shows federal intervention can save lives. This includes enforcing CPSC's new safety standards for water beads and infant neck floats, addressing child drowning hazards, advancing new federal safety protections for batteries used in micromobility products, and continuing strong enforcement of the mandatory adult portable bed rail rule, among other things. The Commission also will deepen its oversight of e-commerce platforms, including the largest platforms determined to be distributors under the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA) and foreign-owned platforms that sell directly to U.S. consumers.

CPSC measures success by how many unsafe products it keeps out of the hands of American consumers, not by the number of regulations it issues. Accordingly, the Commission will continue expanding its surveillance of unsafe imports, particularly low-value e-commerce shipments, deploying artificial intelligence (AI) to improve targeting and surveillance activities, modernizing its targeting systems, and supporting mandatory eFiling to identify high-risk shipments before they reach consumers. CPSC remains committed to stopping dangerous imported products from entering the United States, notably from China. Since 2017, Chinese imports have accounted for 33 percent of all imported consumer products under CPSC jurisdiction but more than 75 percent of violations. Furthermore, the Commission will sustain its heightened enforcement posture against unsafe button and coin cell batteries and products containing them, building on a more than 600 percent increase in monthly seizures for violations of Reese's Law over Biden-era enforcement.

The Commission is committed to leveling the playing field for American firms against foreign competitors who seek unfair advantage by ignoring American safety laws. The Commission has returned to a safety mission rooted in sound science, robust data, and common sense. Regulations and practices that do not reasonably advance safety, but instead promote unscientific ideological agendas, impose unnecessary costs, restrict consumer choice, or reduce competition, entrepreneurship, and innovation, are no longer agency priorities.

To this end, the Commission has withdrawn costly rulemakings that do not advance consumer safety and will instead finalize new federal safety rules that do. Under this Operating Plan, the agency will support

the work of independent standards development organizations as required by statute and will pursue new federal regulations where data demonstrate a clear public health benefit. This plan reflects a governing philosophy rooted in accountability, evidence, and the law. The plan recognizes staffing levels appropriate to meet the agency's mission and priorities within anticipated appropriations, including reassignment of staff to frontline safety operations.

This year, the Commission is launching a new Analytics Center of Excellence to modernize how CPSC collects, integrates, and uses data to drive enforcement and policy decisions. The Center will serve as a hub for advanced analytics, AI, and data governance, ensuring that the agency's safety decisions are grounded in timely, high-quality evidence. A central priority of this effort is implementation of the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System Remodel (NEISSR), to better integrate electronic health records and transition from a sample-based model toward a more responsive sentinel surveillance system. Together, these reforms will strengthen CPSC's ability to detect emerging hazards, handle larger data sets, and target enforcement more precisely, bringing the agency fully into the 21st century.

The FY 2026 Operating Plan is organized around three strategic goals – readiness, intelligence, and operations – and aligns with the current administration's priorities and policies. The strategic goals are supported by cross-cutting priorities: workforce excellence, innovation and data modernization, stakeholder engagement and transparency, and interagency partnerships.

By focusing its resources where they have the greatest impact, the Commission will continue to protect the public, strengthen the integrity of the marketplace, and uphold its mission with continuity, resilience, and responsible stewardship of the taxpayer dollars entrusted to us.

**Peter A. Feldman**  
Acting Chairman  
United States Consumer Product Safety Commission

**FY 2026 Operating Budget Table**

Budget Details:	FY 2026 PB Funding Level	FY 2026 House Markup Funding Level	FTE
<b>FY 2026 S&amp;E Annual Appropriation</b> <i>(Dollars in Thousands)</i>	<b>\$135,000</b>	<b>\$142,000</b>	
<b>Pay, Rent, and Administrative Reserve</b>			
Salaries	\$90,505	\$90,505	<b>459</b>
Rent/Util/Security	\$10,515	\$10,515	
Administrative Reserve	\$400	\$400	
<b>Subtotal Pay, Rent/Util/Security, and Admin Reserve</b>	<b>\$101,420</b>	<b>\$101,420</b>	
<b>Non-Pay</b>			
Commissioners	\$21	\$21	14
Office of the General Counsel	\$564	\$592	25
Office of Legislative Affairs	\$30	\$30	2
Office of Communications	\$1,255	\$1,311	10
Office of Equal Employment Opportunity	\$25	\$25	1
Office of the Executive Director	\$9	\$9	7
Office of Risk Reduction	\$6,522	\$7,417	122
Office of Compliance & Field Operations	\$1,179	\$1,330	146
Office of Import Surveillance	\$760	\$834	60
Office of Financial Management, Budget & Procurement	\$2,381	\$2,381	18
Office of Information & Technology Services	\$17,811	\$19,107	33
Office of Human Resources Management	\$587	\$587	8
Office of Facilities Services	\$1,991	\$1,991	6
Office of the Inspector General	\$445	\$445	7
<b>Subtotal Non-Pay and FTEs</b>	<b>\$33,580</b>	<b>\$36,080</b>	<b>459</b>
<b>Total S&amp;E Annual Appropriation (minus grants)</b>	<b>\$135,000</b>	<b>\$137,500</b>	
Grants (Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act and Nicholas and Zachary Burt Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act)	-	\$4,500	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$135,000</b>	<b>\$142,000</b>	<b>461</b>

## Strategic Framework

### Our Mission

Protecting American families from unreasonable risks of injury associated with consumer products.

This mission is grounded in the statutes that authorize CPSC's work, including the CPSA, the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA), and other federal safety laws.

CPSC is a federal agency with a mission that spans health, safety, and law enforcement. We oversee thousands of everyday items – from toys and cribs to clothing, pools and furniture – to ensure they do not pose unreasonable risks of injury. When we find a problem, we can develop safety standards, recall products, or stop unsafe shipments before they reach store shelves and, ultimately, consumers' homes. We also provide ways for the public to report hazards and learn about recalls, ensuring families have the information they need to stay safe.

### Strategic Goals for FY 2026

The FY 2026 Operating Plan is organized around three strategic goals that define how the agency delivers on its mission:

#### Goal 1: Readiness

Sustain the operational backbone of the Commission to ensure resilience and continuity.

#### Goal 2: Intelligence

Strengthen surveillance and analytics capacity to detect hazards before they reach the public.

#### Goal 3: Operations

Execute the mission through decisive safety actions, such as standards development, standards enforcement, recalls, and civil and criminal penalties.

### Cross-Cutting Priorities

- Workforce Excellence
- Innovation and Data Modernization
- Stakeholder Engagement and Transparency
- Interagency Partnerships

## Strategic Goal 1: Readiness

Sustain the operational backbone of the Commission to ensure resilience and continuity. Readiness means the ability to anticipate, adapt, and respond without disruption. In FY 2026, CPSC will focus on strengthening its operational readiness by aligning workforce, technology, and resources to ensure resilience and mission continuity.

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### **Strategic Objective 1.1: Recruit, retain, and develop a high-performing workforce**

**Strategy: Restore Merit-Based Hiring That Eliminates Identity-Based Preferences, Restores Competitive Examinations, and Ensures Hiring Is Based on Qualifications, Mission Alignment, and Constitutional Principles**

To achieve its strategic goals, CPSC must cultivate a workforce that is technically skilled and demonstrates commitment to the agency's mission and values. This includes recruiting and retaining top talent, providing ongoing training to align staff competencies with emerging needs, and fostering a culture of excellence.

**Priority Activity:** The Agency's Talent Team will implement the new agency Merit Hiring Plan through Office of Personnel Management-hosted systems USA Hire and USA Staffing to establish validated skills-based assessments, improve candidate ranking, and enhance hiring transparency.

**Priority Activity:** CPSC will implement the probationary certification process to ensure the workforce is structured to advance the public interest, needs of the agency, organizational goals, and efficiency of the service.

**Priority Activity:** Through the USA Performance system, CPSC will build a high-performance culture, normalize employee performance ratings, and drive staff contributions to organization results and outcomes.

**Priority Activity:** CPSC will establish a new Chief Medical Officer position within the Office of Risk Reduction to strengthen the agency's scientific and medical expertise and ensure Commission decisions are grounded in sound clinical evidence and best practices.

### **Strategic Objective 1.2: Promote Responsible Stewardship of Financial and Operational Resources through Enhanced Accountability Mechanisms and the Elimination of Inefficiencies**

Being a good steward of CPSC's resources and obligations to the public is a top priority of the agency. CPSC will bolster financial management processes and internal controls to ensure reliability of its financial reporting. It will continue to examine and improve its acquisition planning, budget formulation and execution, and accounting operations. CPSC will enhance internal controls over program operations and continue to build an enterprise risk management and evidence-based decision culture.

**Strategy: Strengthen financial stewardship through effective management, acquisition management, and internal controls**

**Priority Activity:** Enhance financial management practices to promote accountability and transparency of the Commission.

**Priority Activity:** Maximize simplicity and usability, eliminate non-statutory burdens, and promote practical, efficient procurement practices.

**Priority Activity:** Ensure accountability and informed decision-making by proactively managing risks and safeguarding resources.

**Priority Activity:** Optimize the utilization of leased government facilities to maximize efficiency and reduce unnecessary expenditures, in alignment with the USE IT Act and the agency's Real Property Capital Plan.

**Strategy: Expand operational capacity to support safety operations, evolving supply chains, and marketplace dynamics**

**Priority Activity:** Assess safety operations field capabilities and capacities and develop a plan to bridge staffing and operational gaps.

### **Strategic Objective 1.3: Promote Transparency, Ethics, and Public Trust**

For the agency to be effective, the public must be confident that CPSC employees are upholding the highest ethical standards in conducting their work. This ethics program, which applies to every CPSC employee, is designed to reassure the public that government decisions are made free from employees' personal financial bias.

**Strategy: Foster public trust in the Commission by holding federal employees to the highest standard of ethics**

**Priority Activity:** The Office of the General Counsel will ensure employee compliance with the Ethics in Government Act and the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch.

**Priority Activity:** Support and maintain an ethical culture by training employees about, and monitor compliance with, federal ethics laws and regulations.

**Priority Activity:** Update and maintain the documentation of operating procedures and promote transparency in agency operations through the FOIA program.

**Priority Activity:** Address recommendations of the Office of the Inspector General and Government Accountability Office (GAO) and report status periodically.

**Strategy: Strengthen oversight of third-party, firewalled, and foreign-owned conformity assessment bodies to protect the integrity and reliability of product testing and certification**

**Priority Activity:** CPSC will develop and implement a structured process to use violation data to assess the performance, reliability, and risk profile of independent, firewalled, and government laboratories, building on existing processes.

**Priority Activity:** CPSC will strengthen monitoring for undue influence, manufacturer interference, falsified certifications or test results, and other misconduct. Where evidence indicates compromised

independence or integrity, the Commission will use the full range of authorities under the law to protect the credibility of the testing and certification system.

**Priority Activity:** Together with its partners in the federal government, CPSC will pursue opportunities to strengthen CPSC's enforcement against counterfeit and misleading safety certification marks.

#### **Strategic Objective 1.4: Modernize Technology and Cybersecurity Infrastructure to Support the Mission**

Technology is a mission-critical enabler of public safety. To meet the demands of a dynamic consumer product landscape, CPSC will modernize its digital infrastructure, harness data as a strategic asset, and deploy AI in a secure, ethical, and mission-aligned manner to enhance decision-making, responsiveness, and efficiency. This objective reflects the agency's commitment to a secure, cloud-smart, and AI-enabled future. It aligns with the President's Executive Orders on Federal IT Modernization, Artificial Intelligence, and Cybersecurity, and it is consistent with OMB guidance, including Circular A-130, *Managing Information as a Strategic Resource*; M-19-26, *Cloud Smart*; and M-25-21, *Accelerating Federal Use of AI through Innovation, Governance, and Public Trust*. CPSC will complete its migration to the cloud, prioritize data interoperability, and mature cybersecurity to ensure uninterrupted mission-essential services, empower staff with modern tools, and maintain a digital posture that is both proactive and defensible.

In addition to the activities listed below, the IT services organization will support priority initiatives across all program offices enabling data-driven surveillance, AI-powered targeting, and secure interagency collaboration.

##### ***Strategy: Transition mission systems to cloud-based platforms***

**Priority Activity:** CPSC will modernize its IT infrastructure by migrating mission-critical systems and services to secure, scalable cloud environments. This supports improved performance, cost efficiency, resilience, and alignment with the federal Cloud Smart strategy, while also enabling advanced data analytics and AI integration by providing the flexible, high-performance computing environment required for modern, data-driven operations.

##### ***Strategy: Advance cybersecurity maturity and resilience across all systems***

**Priority Activity:** CPSC will attain an "Effective" rating for its information security program in the annual FISMA evaluation, demonstrating measurable progress in cybersecurity maturity and compliance.

**Priority Activity:** CPSC will strengthen its cybersecurity posture by advancing Zero Trust Architecture implementation, achieving full compliance with TIC 3.0, enhancing Continuous Diagnostics and Monitoring and enterprise logging capabilities, and aligning with evolving federal cybersecurity mandates.

##### ***Strategy: Accelerate adoption of AI and automation to enhance mission delivery***

**Priority Activity:** CPSC will support the responsible adoption of AI and automation by providing secure, scalable platforms, technical guidance, and governance structures that enable program offices to integrate AI into their workflows.

## Strategic Goal 2: Intelligence

To prevent harm, CPSC must detect product hazards before they reach consumers. This goal focuses on building modern, data-driven surveillance and predictive analytics capabilities. It is about acting on intelligence, not just collecting data.

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### **Strategic Objective 2.1: Strengthen Identification and Timely Assessment of Hazardous Products**

CPSC will strengthen its ability to identify and assess risks early, especially those posed by unsafe imports and online marketplaces. In FY 2026, the agency will modernize its injury data systems, integrate real-time data sources, and expand the use of AI and predictive analytics. These efforts will improve hazard detection, support enforcement, and ensure that surveillance activities directly contribute to public safety outcomes.

**Strategy: Modernize the Commission's current injury reporting system by integrating electronic health records (EHRs) and AI for better and faster hazard detection and analysis via the new National Electronic Injury Surveillance System Remodel (NEISSR)**

**Priority Activity:** Pilot AI-enabled classification of EHRs and incident reports to support automated hazard identification.

**Priority Activity:** Expand injury data collection to include additional hospitals and explore partnerships with health systems, poison control centers, and EHR exchanges, for real-time injury surveillance at a population level.

**Strategy: Institutionalize data-driven decision making across the agency**

**Priority Activity:** Establish an Analytics Center of Excellence to implement a data management framework, streamline data ingestion, and support mission offices.

**Priority Activity:** Develop the analytics capacity of the workforce to maximize the utility of advanced analytics capabilities and AI in operations.

### **Strategic Objective 2.2: Enhance Risk Assessment Necessary to Target Unsafe Imports and Facilitate Compliant Trade**

CPSC's ability to prevent hazardous products from entering the U.S. market depends on its capacity to assess risk at the border and in the global supply chain. In FY 2026, the agency will strengthen its import surveillance and targeting systems by leveraging AI, implementing the mandatory eFiling requirement, expanding oversight of low value e-commerce shipments, and improving coordination with federal partners.

**Strategy: Enhance targeting of violative imports and dangerous goods by deploying AI-enabled targeting systems and real-time data integration, while streamlining processes to facilitate compliant trade**

**Priority Activity:** CPSC will transition its targeting system to the cloud to enable it to deploy AI-enabled targeting systems to improve the identification of high-risk shipments at ports of entry. These systems will integrate real-time trade and incident data to prioritize inspections and enforcement actions.

**Priority Activity:** The agency will expand surveillance of low-value e-commerce imports that often bypass traditional scrutiny and will support the implementation of eFiling to collect Certificate of Compliance data at the time of importation.

**Strategic Objective 2.3: Apply Principles of Quality, Normalization, Scientific Integrity, and Leading Practices in Hazard Evaluation**

CPSC's ability to make sound regulatory and enforcement decisions depends on the quality and credibility of its scientific evaluations. In FY 2026, the agency will strengthen its scientific foundation by applying standardized methodologies, promoting transparency and reproducibility, and ensuring that all hazard assessments are grounded in the best available evidence. These efforts will support evidence-based decision-making, enhance public trust, and ensure that CPSC's actions are aligned with leading practices in risk analysis.

**Strategy:** Promote quality and credibility in all scientific evaluations and assessments through peer review, transparency, and reproducibility

**Priority Activity:** CPSC will apply principles of quality, normalization, and scientific integrity across all scientific evaluations. This includes the use of standardized methodologies, consistent data treatment, and rigorous documentation practices.

**Priority Activity:** The agency will expand its use of peer review to validate scientific assessments that inform enforcement actions, rulemaking, and public safety communications.

**Priority Activity:** CPSC will promote reproducibility and openness in its scientific work by publishing methodologies, assumptions, and data sources where appropriate.

**Priority Activity:** Deliver training for scientific and technical staff on principles of scientific integrity, risk analysis best practices, and ethical standards in regulatory science.

**Priority Activity:** Incorporate cost-benefit analysis into hazard evaluations where appropriate, notably for rulemaking.

**Strategic Objective 2.4: Strengthen Monitoring of E-commerce Sites to Remove Hazardous Products from Commerce**

As online marketplaces and secondary sales platforms continue to grow, so do the risks of hazardous banned and recalled products reaching consumers. In FY 2026, CPSC will expand its oversight of digital commerce by leveraging technology to protect the public from these risks.

**Strategy:** Leverage AI and platform coordination to detect and remove banned and recalled products

**Priority Activity:** CPSC will expand surveillance of e-commerce platforms to identify and remove banned and recalled products.

**Priority Activity:** The agency will deploy AI tools to detect recalled products re-listed after removal and track repeat violators.

**Priority Activity:** CPSC will coordinate with e-commerce platforms to issue takedown requests to immediately remove banned and recalled products from commerce.

## Strategic Goal 3: Operations

Execute the mission through decisive safety actions, such as standards development, standards enforcement, recalls, and civil and criminal penalties.

CPSC's safety operations are the front line of consumer protection. This goal encompasses the agency's work at U.S. borders and ports of entry, litigation and enforcement, the development of safety standards, and the communication of recalls and safety warnings to the public.

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### **Strategic Objective 3.1: Identify Imported Hazardous Consumer Products for Examination at Ports of Entry and for Subsequent Enforcement Action**

CPSC's ability to intercept unsafe products before they reach consumers begins at the border. In FY 2026, the agency will strengthen its import surveillance operations by prioritizing high-risk shipments, leveraging advanced targeting systems, and expanding its presence at ports of entry. These efforts will ensure that inspection resources are focused on the products most likely to pose serious hazards.

#### ***Strategy: Expand operational capacity at high-volume ports and express-courier hubs to interdict violative shipments***

**Priority Activity:** CPSC will expand examination of high-risk products at ports of entry using data-driven risk assessment tools and AI-enabled targeting systems. These tools will help identify shipments that are most likely to contain violative or hazardous products.

**Priority Activity:** The agency will expand its operational capacity at high-volume ports and express-courier hubs to interdict violative shipments more efficiently. This includes deploying additional staff at key high-volume ports of entry.

**Priority Activity:** CPSC will strengthen coordination with U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Justice, Department of the Treasury, Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers, and other federal partners to streamline joint enforcement actions and improve interdiction outcomes.

#### ***Strategy: Leverage AI-driven targeting systems and real-time data integration to identify and prioritize shipments likely to contain violative or hazardous products***

**Priority Activity:** The agency will continue to refine its targeting criteria and enforcement protocols to ensure that import surveillance efforts are aligned with evolving product risks and trade practices.

### **Strategic Objective 3.2: Protect American Families Through Fast-Track and Other Voluntary Recalls, Safety Warnings, E-commerce Takedown Requests, and Litigation**

CPSC's ability to act quickly and decisively when hazardous products are identified is essential to preventing injuries and saving lives. In FY 2026, the agency will accelerate the pace and impact of its corrective actions by streamlining recall processes and strengthening post-recall monitoring. CPSC also will continue to pursue litigation and enforcement actions when voluntary compliance is not achieved.

***Strategy: Accelerate and strengthen corrective actions through early engagement, litigation, and post-recall monitoring***

**Priority Activity:** CPSC will improve case triage and early engagement with firms to expedite the initiation of recalls and corrective actions.

**Priority Activity:** The agency will strengthen post-recall monitoring to ensure firms follow through on their commitments and that recalled products are effectively removed from the marketplace.

**Priority Activity:** CPSC will pursue litigation and imminent hazard actions where appropriate, particularly in cases involving firms unwilling to conduct a voluntary recall.

**Priority Activity:** The agency will continue to issue unilateral safety warnings when firms fail to take corrective action voluntarily, ensuring the public is informed of known hazards.

**Strategic Objective 3.3: Improve the Safety of Consumer Products Through Voluntary Standards and Statutorily Required Rulemaking**

CPSC plays a leading role in advancing voluntary consensus standards that reduce the risk of injury and death from consumer products. In FY 2026, the agency will continue to collaborate with standards development organizations, industry, and consumer groups to strengthen voluntary standards across a wide range of product categories. Voluntary standards are often the most efficient and effective means of improving product safety, and CPSC will participate in standards activities that address high-risk hazards and emerging technologies.

***Strategy: Advance consumer product safety through active participation in voluntary standards development and fulfillment of statutory rulemaking obligations***

**Priority Activity:** CPSC will actively participate in voluntary standards development by contributing injury data, technical expertise, and risk analysis to support improvements in product safety. This includes work on standards for lithium-ion batteries, infant products, micromobility devices, and other high-risk categories.

**Priority Activity:** The agency will fulfill its statutory obligations by finalizing mandatory rules required under Section 104 of CPSIA and other applicable laws.

**Priority Activity:** CPSC will continue its burden reduction initiative by reviewing existing regulations to identify outdated, duplicative, or unnecessarily burdensome requirements. The agency will propose revisions or repeals where appropriate to streamline compliance while maintaining safety protections.

**Strategic Objective 3.4: Strengthen Recall Effectiveness and Monitor Post-Recall Actions**

Effective recalls are essential to protecting consumers from hazardous products already in the marketplace. In FY 2026, CPSC will focus on improving the clarity, reach, and impact of recall communications, while also enhancing its ability to monitor firm compliance with corrective action plans (CAPs). These efforts will ensure that recalls are not only announced but also acted upon by both firms and consumers.

***Strategy: Improve the reach, clarity, and impact of recall communications while strengthening oversight of firm compliance with CAPs***

**Priority Activity:** CPSC will expand recall outreach efforts by encouraging firms to use multiple communication channels – including direct notifications, digital platforms, and social media – to maximize consumer awareness and participation.

**Priority Activity:** CPSC will strengthen post-recall monitoring by tracking firm performance against CAPs and taking follow-up action when firms fail to meet their obligations.

**Strategic Objective 3.5: Deter Violations and Promote Compliance Through Civil and Criminal Enforcement**

CPSC's enforcement authority is essential to ensuring that firms comply with product safety laws and are held accountable when they do not. In FY 2026, the agency will continue to pursue civil and criminal enforcement actions against firms that fail to report hazards, violate safety standards, or engage in other prohibited acts. These actions serve as a deterrent to future violations and reinforce the importance of timely and transparent compliance.

***Strategy: Enforce product safety laws through timely investigations, civil and criminal penalties, and public transparency to deter violations and promote compliance***

**Priority Activity:** CPSC will investigate potential violations of Section 19 of the CPSA and other statutory requirements. Where appropriate, the agency will pursue civil penalties and refer cases for criminal prosecution.

**Priority Activity:** The agency will prioritize enforcement actions involving repeat offenders, firms that fail to comply with CAPs, and those that knowingly distribute hazardous products.

**Priority Activity:** The agency will enhance transparency by publicizing enforcement outcomes and promoting awareness of prohibited acts and reporting obligations.

**Priority Activity:** CPSC will continue its work with state attorneys general through training, communication, litigation support, and other methods.

**Strategic Goal 3.6: Enhance Public Awareness, Consumer Education, and Small Business Outreach to Reduce Injuries and Strengthen Recall Effectiveness**

CPSC's ability to protect the public depends not only on identifying and removing hazardous products but also on ensuring that consumers receive timely, accurate, and accessible information. Public communication is a core operational function that contributes directly to preventing injuries, improving recall effectiveness, and strengthening trust in the agency's safety mission.

***Strategy: Through targeted safety campaigns, strategic media engagement, and expanded digital communications, CPSC will increase public awareness of hazardous products and empower families to take action***

**Priority Activity:** CPSC will enhance nationwide safety campaigns focused on high-risk hazards using evidence-based messaging and targeted outreach to populations at greatest risk.

**Priority Activity:** CPSC will increase the visibility and accessibility of recalls and unilateral safety warnings through improved digital distribution, social media amplification, partner outreach, and optimized recall notice formats that promote consumer action.

**Strategy: Employ interagency partnerships to provide a whole-of-government approach to addressing small business concerns**

**Priority Activity:** In FY 2026, CPSC will coordinate implementation of the provisions of 15 U.S.C. § 657 with the Small Business Administration's Office of the National Ombudsman.

## Public Engagement and Stakeholder Input

Each year, CPSC invites public input to help shape its Operating Plan. In accordance with Section 4(j) of the CPSA, the Commission held a public hearing and accepted written comments to inform the FY 2026 Operating Plan.

Key safety themes included:

- Finalizing and enforcing bans on water beads
- Strengthening safe sleep regulations and education
- Expanding drowning prevention efforts
- Advancing lithium-ion battery safety standards
- Enhancing oversight of online marketplaces and imports
- Improving recall effectiveness and public communication
- Addressing chemical hazards

These concerns are addressed throughout the FY 2026 Operating Plan, particularly in the agency's enforcement, surveillance, and rulemaking priorities.

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## Implementation and Accountability

The FY 2026 Operating Plan guides project management, resource allocation, and internal coordination. CPSC will monitor progress through various mechanisms which may include:

- Internal dashboards and reporting tools
- Performance reporting to Congress and the public

Employee performance plans are aligned with this Operating Plan's goals. Audits and internal control reviews ensure accountability and continuous improvement.

## Appendix: Voluntary and Mandatory Standards Summaries

### 1. Voluntary Standards Summary

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A voluntary standard is a technical document that provides performance standards and test methods for consumer product safety. Such standards are reached through a consensus process among industry and a variety of stakeholders, including consumer groups.

CPSC's statutory authority under CPSA sections 7 and 9 requires the agency to rely on voluntary standards,<sup>1</sup> rather than promulgate mandatory regulations, if compliance with a voluntary standard would eliminate or adequately reduce the risk of injury identified, and it is likely that there will be substantial compliance with the voluntary standard.

Staff work with organizations that coordinate the development of voluntary standards. Voluntary standards activity is an ongoing process that may involve multiple revisions to a standard within a single year, or over multiple years; and staff participation may continue in subsequent years, depending on the activities of the voluntary standards committees and priorities of the Commission.

**FY 2026 Activities:** CPSC's active participation may include, among other activities: providing injury data and hazard analyses; encouraging development or revision of voluntary standards; identifying specific risks of injury; performing research; developing health science data; performing laboratory technical assistance; and taking other actions that the Commission determines appropriate. Areas of focus include toys, children's durable nursery products, fire safety, off-highway vehicles, and products associated with senior deaths and injuries.

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<sup>1</sup> The CPSIA authorizes the Commission to promulgate mandatory regulations by adopting existing voluntary standards (in whole or in part) for some products, such as durable infant or toddler products, children's toys, and all-terrain vehicles. For additional information, please refer to the CPSIA available at: [www.CPSC.gov/CPSIA.pdf](http://www.CPSC.gov/CPSIA.pdf).

## Voluntary Standards Summary Table

Product
<b>Voluntary Standards Activities Related to Existing CPSC Regulations</b>
Adult Portable Bed Rails
Architectural Glazing
ATVs (All-Terrain Vehicles)
Bassinets/Cradles
Batteries, Ingestion (Button)
Bedside Sleepers
Bicycles
Booster Seats
Carriages and Strollers
Bunkbeds and Youth Beds
Changing Products
Chemical Test Methods
Child-Resistant Packages
Children's Folding Chairs and Stools
Clothing Storage Units Tip-overs
Commercial Cribs
Crib Mattresses (includes Supplemental and Aftermarket Mattresses)
Fireworks
Frame Child Carriers
Full-Size Cribs
Garage Door Operators
Gates and Expandable Enclosures
Handheld Infant Carriers
High Chairs
Hydrogel projectiles/non-powdered guns
Infant Bath Seats
Infant Bath Tubs
Infant Bouncer Seats
Infant Swings
Infant Walkers
Magnet Sets
Non-Full-Size Cribs and Play Yards
Nursing Support Products
Portable Bed Rails (Children's)
Portable Fuel Containers
Portable Hook-on Chairs
Sling Carriers (Infant and Toddler)
Soft Infant and Toddler Carriers
Sports/Recreational Head Gear/Helmets and Sensors
Stationary Activity Centers
Swimming Pools/Spas Drain Entrapment and Safety Vacuum Relief System
Toddler Beds
Toys
Window Coverings
15(j) Rules (Hairdryers, holiday lights, drawstrings, window blinds, extension cords)
<b>Voluntary Standards Activities Related to Petitions</b>
Candles and Candle Accessories
Flooring (Slips, Trips, and Falls)
Torch Fuel and Lamp Oil

Product
<b>Voluntary Standards Activities Related to Ongoing or Potential Rulemaking Activities</b>
Gas Appliances – Carbon Monoxide (CO) Sensors
Infant Bathers
Infant Loungers
Infant Rockers
Portable Generators
Recreational Off-Highway Vehicles (ROVs)
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<b>Other Planned Voluntary Standards Activities</b>
Additive Manufacturing/3D Printing
Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Internet of Things (IOT)
Bath Tubs (Adult)
Batteries, Fire (High-Energy Density)
Building Codes
Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms
Countertop Kitchen Appliances
Electric Heaters
Fabric Steamers
Fire Extinguishing Technology
Furniture Tipover
Flammable Refrigerants
Grill Brushes
Indoor Air Quality
Lighters
Liquid Laundry Packets
LP Gas Appliances
Market Umbrellas/Beach Umbrellas
Mowers
Nanotechnology
National Electrical Code
Playground Equipment (Home)
Playground Equipment (Public)
Playground Surfacing
Pools, Portable Unprotected (Child Drowning)
Products that Affect Wildfire
Ranges (Gas and Electric)
Recliners and Other Motion Furniture
Robotic Products
Self-balancing Scooters and Light Electric Vehicles/Micromobility Devices
Smoke Alarms
Soccer Goals
Tents
Treadmills
Warnings and Instructions
Washing Machines
Wearable Infant Blankets
Wearable Technology (Previously Wearables)
Weighted Blankets (Ages 3+)
Youth Resistant Firearm Containers

## 2. Mandatory Standards Summary

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Mandatory standards are federal rules that define enforceable requirements for consumer products. Typically, the standards take the form of performance requirements that consumer products must meet, or warnings they must display, to be imported, distributed, or sold in the United States.

In general, CPSC may set a mandatory standard when it determines that compliance with a voluntary standard would not eliminate or adequately reduce a risk of injury or finds that it is unlikely that there will be substantial compliance with a voluntary standard. The Commission may also promulgate a mandatory ban of a hazardous product when it determines that no feasible voluntary standard or mandatory regulation would adequately protect the public from an unreasonable risk of injury.

**FY 2026 Activities:** CPSC plans to work on the projects listed in the table on the next page. This work will involve continuation of rulemaking activities related to the CPSA, CPSIA, Federal Hazardous Substances Act, and other laws, and it will include data analysis and technical activities supporting ongoing or potential future rulemaking activities.

Key to Table	
The terms below related to rulemaking indicate that a briefing package with a draft rulemaking will be submitted to the Commission. It does not indicate the final action of the Commission.	
<b>NPR</b>	Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
<b>SNPR</b>	Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
<b>FR</b>	Final Rule
<b>DFR</b>	Direct Final Rule
<b>BP</b>	Briefing Package
<b>DA/TR</b>	Data Analysis and/or Technical Review

**Mandatory Standards Summary Table**

Items by Major Categories		FY 2026 Operating Plan
<b>CPSIA, as amended by Pub. L. No. 112-28, and including Section 104 of the CPSIA</b>		
	ATVs (All-Terrain Vehicles) – Other	DA/TR
	Bassinets	DFR
	Infant and Infant/Toddler Products Section 104 – Rockers	DA/TR
	Section 106 Toys (Button Batteries)	DA/TR
<b>Rule Review</b>		
	Ban on Baby Bouncers with Exposed Parts	BP
	Burden Reduction	BP
	CB Base Station Antennas	DFR
	Coal and Wood Burning Appliances	DFR
	Counterfeit Certification Markings	BP/NPR
	Fuel Additives ( <i>Auto-Mark</i> Fix)	DFR
	Mattress 16 CFR 1632, ANPR Follow-up Rule Review (Ticking Substitution, Recordkeeping)	DA/TR
	Omnidirectional CB Base Station Antennas	DFR
	Standard for the Flammability of Clothing Textiles	NPR/FR
<b>Petitions</b>		
	Child-Resistant Above Ground and Portable Pool Ladders	BP
	CO Alarm Petition 25-1	BP
	PPPA Petition	BP
	Sidewalk Bicycle Coaster Brake Petition	BP
<b>Other Ongoing or Potential Rulemaking-Related Activities</b>		
	E-Bikes	NPR
	Garage Door Operator	DFR
	Li-Ion Batteries Micromobility Products	NPR
	Organizational Updates	DFR
	Portable Generators	SNPR/FR
	Window Coverings (Custom) 15(j)	FR
	Window Covering Rulemaking Withdrawal	DFR



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