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Eastern Region: Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, Virgin Islands, West Virginia

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Local Contact

Safety Publications Available

CPSC publishes numerous free informational pamphlets that you can use in your efforts to educate the citizens of your community on consumer product safety-related issues. Just go to our website at ***www.cpsc.gov*** select "Library," then select "CPSC Publications." You can then browse through the more than 110 brochures that are available.

Once you find the pamphlets you want, place your order at "Order hard copies of publications by e-mail."

CPSC is happy to partner with your fire department to spread the safety message! CPSC does not charge for the pamphlets or shipping to you. However, quantities are limited.

Fire and Carbon Monoxide Safety Publications

Visit the CPSC website at:

www.cpsc.gov

- ▶ Library - FOIA
- ▶ Business

- Residential Fire Loss Estimates
- Fires Involving Specific Consumer Products
- CO Poisoning
- Regulations

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO SAVE LIVES AND KEEP FAMILIES SAFE!

HOW YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT CAN PLAY A ROLE.



Report Consumer Product-Related Fire and CO Incidents to CPSC

On the Web: *www.cpsc.gov*

By Phone: 1-800-638-CPSC

Who We Are

We are the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), an independent federal regulatory agency that was created in 1972 by Congress in the Consumer Product Safety Act. In that law, Congress directed the Commission to "protect the public against unreasonable risks of injuries and deaths associated with consumer products."

We have jurisdiction over thousands of types of consumer products, from automatic-drip coffee makers to toys to lawn mowers. Some types of products, however, are covered by other federal agencies. For example, motor vehicles are covered by the Department of Transportation, while foods, drugs and cosmetics are covered by the Food and Drug Administration.

What We Do

CPSC works to reduce the risk of injuries and deaths from consumer products by:

- Participating in the development of voluntary standards with industry and other stakeholders
- Issuing and enforcing mandatory standards; banning consumer products if no feasible standard would adequately protect the public
- Obtaining the recall of products or arranging for their repair
- Conducting research on potential product hazards
- Informing and educating consumers through the media, state and local governments, private organizations, and by responding to consumer inquiries

How Your Fire Department Can Play a Role

Your Fire Department is a critical partner in helping the CPSC to identify potentially dangerous consumer products.

As first responders, you are in an excellent position to collect valuable information from individuals who have been involved in consumer product-related incidents.

Whenever your department responds to an incident involving a consumer product, try to collect the following information about the incident and the consumer product involved and include it in your fire incident report:

- Product name, model number and manufacturer
- Where and when the product was purchased
- Previous problems the consumer had with the product

If feasible, maintain the damaged product as evidence for possible CPSC collection and lab examination.

The information you collect will help us to determine whether further CPSC investigation is warranted. Let's work together to save lives and keep families safe!

Public Affairs Support

CPSC staff regularly make presentations on various consumer product issues. We can participate in your department's training and community education programs. While we cannot guarantee that we can attend every public affairs event or training session, we'll certainly try!

How to Report Consumer Product-Related Fires or Injuries

Via the Internet at CPSC's website
http://www.cpsc.gov/talk.html

(Priority reporting link for fire and police Investigators)

- By e-mail: ***hazard@cpsc.gov***
- By toll-free telephone: 800-638-2772
- By toll-free fax: 800-809-0924
- By mail: U.S. CPSC, ATTN: EHDS
  4330 East West Hwy.
  Bethesda, MD 20814

To Obtain CPSC Product Recall or Other Safety Information



You can sign up for life-saving information electronically through CPSC's e-mail notification project: **Drive to One Million**. You can receive recall information as it is released by signing up at ***www.cpsc.gov***. Signing up is free, it's fast, and it could save lives.

You may contact Clearinghouse staff to request injury data or place an inquiry under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).
E-mail: ***clearinghouse@cpsc.gov***.