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## Recalled news: checking product recall information

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Remember hearing about lead found in children's toys and jewelry?

Sometimes consumer product recalls make national news, but every month there are new lists of product recalls and recall alerts. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission monitors over 15,000 kinds of household items and sports equipment. The CPSC reports products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical or mechanical hazard, or a product that can injure children.

Military families are great at purging and merging "stuff." When the time comes to PCS, whatever clothing, toys or furniture we do not need or want, we gladly sell or donate. When at the next location, we often inherit or obtain appliances, electronics, outdoor equipment and much more to help make the most of the assignment. Whether we buy retail or shop and sell through yard sales, thrift shops, advertisements in the local paper, postings on a community bulletin board or online, we need to know if the product has been recalled for any reason.

What about the safety of your food, medicine, cosmetics, pesticides, or motor vehicles and boats? Look to [www.recalls.gov](http://www.recalls.gov) for all federal product recalls. At this site you have access to six different federal agencies that report unsafe, hazardous or defective products.

Before you buy, sell, donate or accept children's car safety seats, pet supplies, household or yard chemicals, or any other product, make sure there is not a recall on the item. An easy way to stay informed is to sign-up for free e-mail alerts and safety notices from the different federal agencies:

**Consumer Product Safety Commission**, [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov), for appliances, clothing, children's products, electronic and electrical equipment, furniture, lighting, household and outdoor items, and sports and exercise equipment.

**Food and Drug Administration**, [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov), for food, drugs, vaccines, cosmetics, medical devices, veterinary products, and pet and farm animal feed.

**USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service**, [www.fsis.usda.gov](http://www.fsis.usda.gov), for meat, poultry products and eggs.

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**, [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov), for pesticides, rodenticides, fungicides and vehicle emission testing.

**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**, [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov), for child safety seats, tires, motor vehicles and equipment.

**U.S. Coast Guard**, [www.uscgboating.org](http://www.uscgboating.org), for boating safety, recreational boats and personal watercraft, and boat manufacturer-installed equipment.

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