

Guide for Small Business:

Product Safety Compliance with Federal Laws



If you own a small business that manufactures, imports, distributes, or sells a consumer product, your business must comply with all federal consumer product safety laws.

Why should your business comply with these federal safety laws?

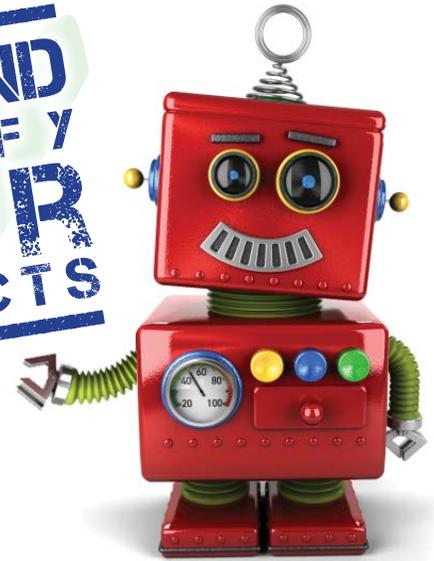
- To protect the safety of American consumers.
- To protect your company, your brand, and your customers.
- *It's the law.* Failure to follow these laws puts you and your customers at risk.

We're eager to assist you in understanding and complying with our laws. Like you, we want to see that the products you sell are safe and compliant for American children and families.

Through the CPSC's Small Business Ombudsman, you can get answers to your questions, assistance in resolving problems, and guidance about compliance with CPSC laws and regulations.



TEST AND CERTIFY YOUR PRODUCTS



Are you importing or manufacturing consumer products?

Your **children's products** must meet applicable safety regulations. To do so, your business must:

- Test the products at a CPSC-accepted laboratory.
- Issue a Children's Product Certificate (CPC) that the products passed testing and comply.
- Label the products with required tracking information.

Your **non-children's products** must also meet applicable safety regulations. To do so, your business must:

- Test the products.
- Issue a General Certificate of Conformity (GCC) that the products passed testing and comply.

To find a full list of federal requirements, required testing, a list of approved laboratories, and to get assistance, please visit our website at:

www.cpsc.gov/BusinessEducation.

Small Business Assistance:
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