

Working Party on Consumer Product Safety

In the field of consumer product safety, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) provides a forum for governments and other stakeholders to exchange information on dangerous products and injuries within and across jurisdictions.

The OECD Working Party on Consumer Product Safety (WP) brings regulators together to:

- identify safety issues at an early point,
- explore ways to address safety concerns more efficiently and effectively, and
- share information on practices and policy developments.

The Working Party members are working together on a number of projects to enhance consumer product safety around the world. These projects include the development of tools that allow members to share information quickly and efficiently.

Recognising that international co-operation is crucial in achieving product safety, the working party closely cooperates with other international organisations and encourages non-member countries to participate in discussions and activities sponsored by WP members.

Global Product Safety Forum

The OECD WP recently launched Global Consumer Product Safety Forum regulators. The Forum, held during major international consumer product safety symposia, is a forum for discussion between member and non-member countries on common issues of concern. The goal of the Forum is to support the participation of non-OECD members in discussions and activities of the Working Party and to promote consumer product safety to stakeholders.

GlobalRecalls Portal



The *GlobalRecalls* portal is the first online platform to contain regularly updated information on consumer product recalls issued by jurisdictions around the world.

<http://globalrecalls.oecd.org>

Raising Awareness



WP members work together to identify areas where joint actions could be beneficial for informing consumers, industry and the medical profession about key safety concerns. A recent campaign focused on the dangers that button batteries can pose to children.

The WP is now working on online product safety issues and will soon be reviewing websites to uncover the nature and extent of safety issues.

Risk Assessment

Through a series of workshops and discussions, the Working Party is exploring risk assessment methodologies and the role of risk assessment in managing hazards associated with consumer products.