

Manufacturers Of Children's Products Must Keep List of Purchasers

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As reported by the Associated Press, the Consumer Product Safety Commission is going to require the manufacturers of products for infants and toddlers to find ways to contact consumers who have purchased their products. In that way, the manufacturers can alert the consumers directly in case of a product recall or safety concern. This would include makers of cribs, strollers, changing tables, and other items. Here are excerpts from the article:

Under the new rule, manufacturers will have to provide postage-paid registration forms with every infant and toddler product and then keep records of those who register. Each product will also have to feature in a permanent way the manufacturer's name and contact information, along with the product's model name, number and date of manufacture.

The requirements apply to 18 categories of products: full-size cribs and nonfull-size cribs; toddler beds; high chairs, booster chairs, and hook-on chairs; bath seats; gates and other enclosures for confining a child; play yards; stationary activity centers; infant carriers; strollers; walkers; swings; bassinets and cradles; children's folding chairs; changing tables; infant bouncers; infant bathtubs; portable toddler bed rails; and infant slings.

The rules will go into effect for 12 of the product categories 180 days after publication. The rules will go into effect one year after publication for the remaining six categories: children's folding chairs, changing tables, infant bouncers, infant bathtubs, portable toddler bed rails and infant slings.

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