

**A Sneak Preview for Consumer Federation of America
of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's
New Publicly Available Consumer Product
Safety Information Database**



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The [U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission](#) (CPSC) is the leading federal agency charged with ensuring the safety of consumer products. We protect families like yours from risks of injury or death from thousands of types of consumer products, including items that many of you use every day, such as cribs, strollers, sleepwear, and toys.

From the first day I took over as Chairman of CPSC, I have been committed to making the agency more open to the public and to families. In just a few weeks, we will launch our biggest open-government project. Starting in March 2011, CPSC will unveil a new publicly searchable database of reports of harm we receive from consumers and others relating to the use of consumer products. The database will be posted on the website [SaferProducts.gov](#). CFA supported the creation of this database and has provided valuable feedback during its development, along with many other CPSC stakeholders.

Before we launch the database, CPSC would like to provide you with a sneak peek at one way the database will work for parents and other consumers. We want you to become familiar with how the database can be used to report a harm or risk of harm relating to the use of a consumer product or search for reports and recall information on products that you own already or may be thinking of buying. Knowing how to use [SaferProducts.gov](#) will help you gain access to important safety information and become connected to the CPSC. We urge all CFA supporters to click on this [link](#) to watch a video demonstration of the process for reporting an incident to CPSC. Please share this message with friends and family who you think would be interested. We hope you'll connect with us on Twitter [@OnSafety](#) and [through our blog](#), which aims to answer your questions.

We are grateful for the involvement of CFA in our new consumer database, and we look forward to our continued partnership to keep children and families safe!