



Risk Management *Tips*

Making Product Research a Part of Your Safety Program

In March of 2011, your ability to research new products will greatly improve. As the result of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) becoming law on August 14, 2008, a searchable database of dangerous products will be made available online by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) at www.SaferProducts.gov.

Some of the benefits you can expect to receive from this web site include:

- Increased public access to reports of harmful or potentially harmful products received from consumers, government agencies, health care professionals, and others.
- Improved quality, value, and accuracy of the data collected.
- More timely dissemination of alerts and other information.
- The ability to research potentially dangerous products before they are recalled.

Learn more about this new database and the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 at www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/pubs/reports/cpsia212.pdf.

As a side note, always be sure to complete a product registration card on any product you purchase. This allows manufacturers the opportunity to advise you of product recalls or safety concern bulletins.



If you have a safety or risk management question or a suggestion for a topic, please contact Markel's Risk Management Department at safety1st@markelcorp.com.