



# PRODUCT RECALL

ASIA  
JUNE TO DECEMBER 2016



Clothing, Textiles  
and Fashion



Cosmetics



Electrical Appliances



Children, Babies and  
Toys



Sports and Hobby  
Equipment



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# Did you know?

The financial impact of a product recall can be highly damaging. In many cases, product recall expenses are excluded under standard Product Liability Insurance policies and therefore little, if any, cover is provided for a client's loss.

LIU's PRplus Insurance policy may offer broader protection than recall expenses cover offered by standard Product Liability Insurance policies. In addition, LIU's PRplus Insurance policy can be varied to meet the specific needs of an organisation, including additional cover and limits to match exposures.

In addition, if Recall expenses is offered by standard Product Liability Insurance policies, it often only covers a very small proportion of the actual recall costs a client suffers arising from a recall incident.

Cover	LIU's PRplus Insurance	Recall Expenses offered by a standard Product Liability Insurance policy
Recall Costs	✓	✓
Third Party Recall Costs	✓	?
Replacement Costs	✓	✗
Business Interruption (via Endorsement)	✓	✗
Pre Recall Costs	✓	✗
Consultant and Advisor Costs	✓	✗
Product Extortion Costs	✓	✗



# Clothing, Textiles and Fashion

Recalls due to Injuries account for nearly half of the total recalls in this category. Some recent examples include:

## 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2016 –Children’s Clothing Set

The drawstrings in the hood of the sweatshirt and waistband of the trousers could become trapped during various activities of the child, leading to strangulation or injuries.

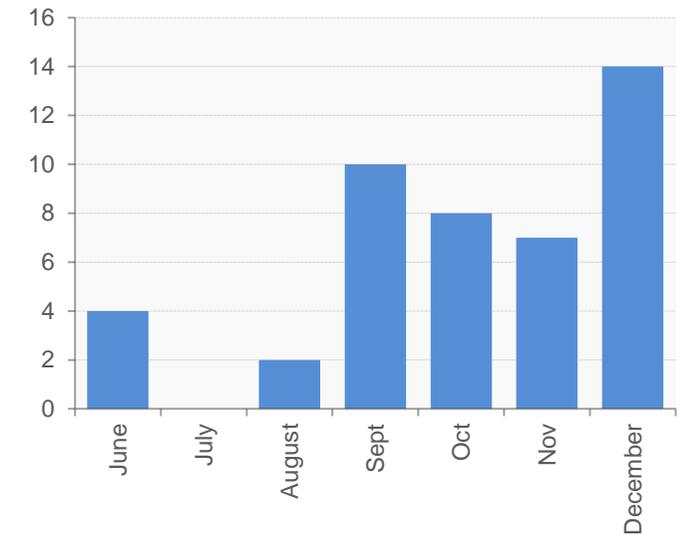
## 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 –Swimming Trunks

The unattached cords in the waist area may get trapped during various activities of the child, leading to injuries.

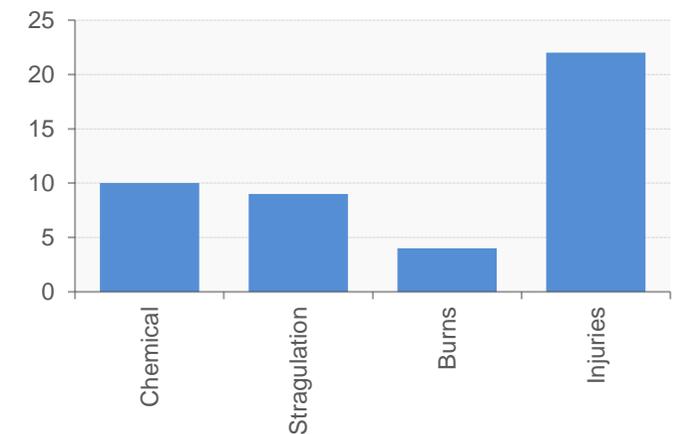
## 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2016 –Children’s Jacket

The drawstrings in the hood and in the waist area can become trapped during various activities of a child, causing strangulation or injuries.

**Clothing, Textiles and Fashion Item recalls**  
Europe – 1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2016



**Clothing, Textiles and Fashion Item reasons for recalls**  
Europe -1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2016





# Cosmetics

100% of cosmetic recalls were due to chemical. Some recent examples include:

## 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 – Balm

Because of its high camphor content and the lack of safety indications and warnings, the product poses a risk to consumers.

## 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 – Baby skincare wipes

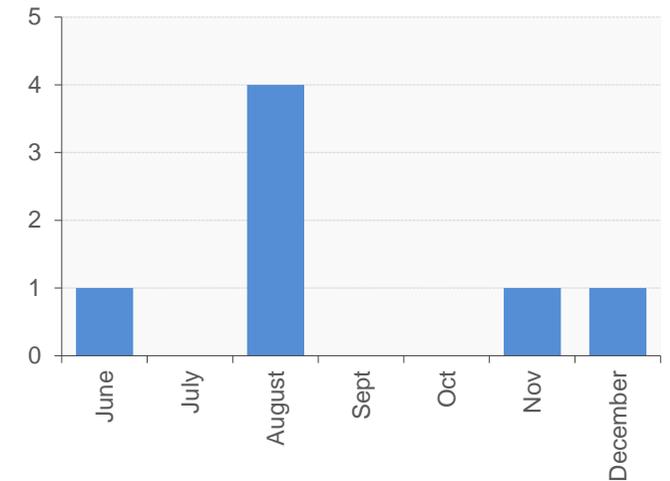
The product contains methylisothiazolinone (MI) and methylchloroisothiazolinone (MCI). Dermal contact with MCI/MI-containing products can provoke allergic contact dermatitis to sensitised persons.

## 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 – Bath Product

The products contain phenol (measured value up to 0.04% by weight) which is an irritant and can cause skin and eye damage.

## Cosmetics recalls

Europe – 1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2016





# Electrical Appliances

86% of recalls in electrical appliances were due to electric shock. Some recent examples include:

### 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2016 – Halogen floodlight

The lamp housing and the connection box can easily break, which may give access to live parts or may generate a short circuit and a fire.

### 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 – Travel plug adapter

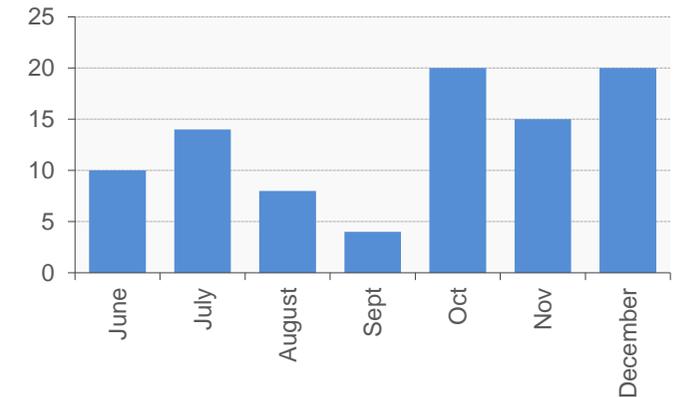
The live parts of the socket are accessible. Live metal pins of plugs inserted in the adapter are accessible during use. There may not be earth continuity when an appliance equipped with an earthing wire is connected to the mains using the adapter.

### 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 - Adapter

The insufficient creepage distances and clearance pose a risk of electric shock to users or can lead to a fire.

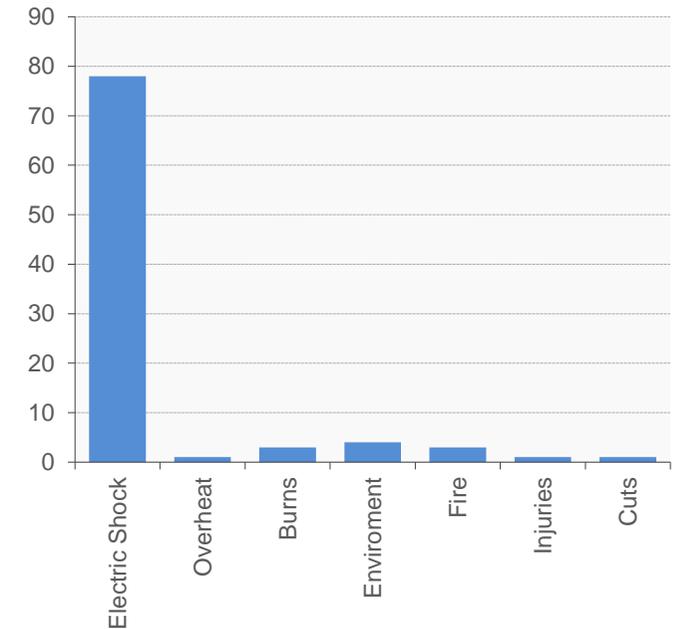
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# Children, Babies and Toys

Choking hazard and chemical were the highest reason for recalls. Some recent examples include:

### 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 – Toy Basketball set

The ball included in the set contains dibutylphthalate (DBP) (measured value 0.16 % by weight). This phthalate may harm the health of children, causing possible damage to the reproductive system.

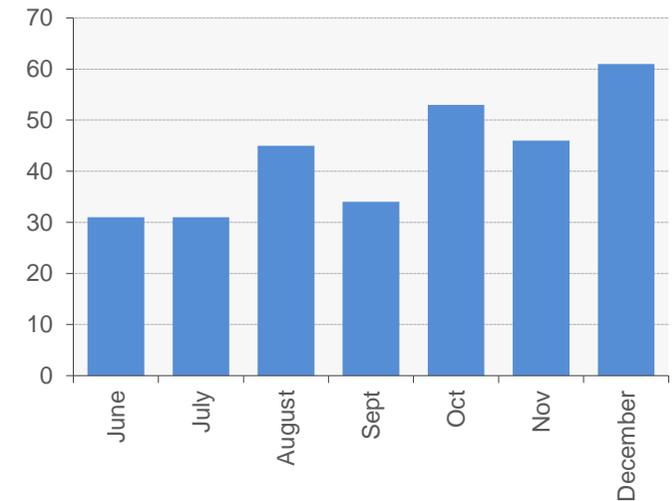
### 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 – Toy Xylophone

The white plastic bolts fixing the metal bars of the xylophone become detached easily, generating small parts. A small child could put them in the mouth and choke on them.

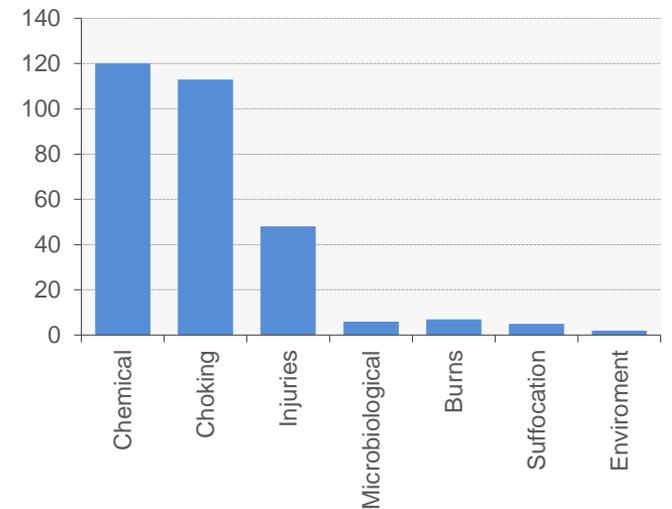
### 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 – Baby Doll Set

The lid of the compartment containing the sound unit comes off easily. Small children may put this small part in the mouth and choke.

**Babies and Kids reasons for recalls**  
Europe - 1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2016



**Babies and Kids category of recalls**  
Europe - 1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2016





# Sports and Hobby Equipment

The risk of drowning was the most common reason for recalls in this category. Some recent examples include:

## 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 – Inflatable Equipment

The strength of the seams is not sufficient and a chamber may start to leak after prolonged or repeated use. The deflation of the chamber may affect buoyancy, as well as the size of the product. Consequently, the product might not stay on the child's upper arms, posing a risk of drowning.

## 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 – Heated Gloves

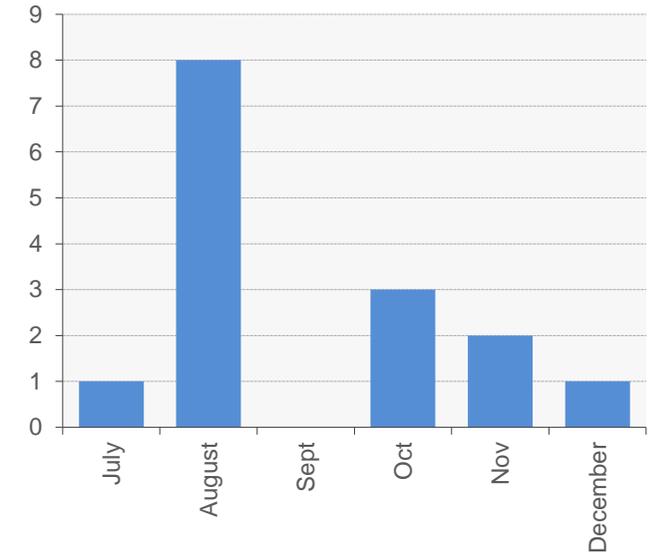
The creepage distance between the live primary circuit and the accessible secondary circuit of the transformer of the battery charger is not sufficient.

## 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 – Fitness Watch

The charging cradle can overheat leading to a fire. In addition, the watch can overheat causing burns to the skin on the wrist underneath the watch.

## Sports Equipment recalls

Europe - 1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2016



## Sports Equipment category of recalls

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