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https://www.productsafety.gov.au/

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Product safety—Standards--Australia

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English

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Australia Competition Consumer Commission

Brief History

The ACCC manages this website on behalf of Commonwealth, state and territory product safety regulators. Consumers, businesses, government agencies, safety experts, standards writers and consumer advocates work together to maximize the safety of goods sold and used in Australia.

Scope & Coverage

There are over 15000 types of products available in Australia, with each being produced

by multiple brands. To ensure that these products work safely, the Australian product safety system relies on the cooperation of consumers, suppliers, and government agencies. The website covers many topics. Like Babies & kids includes Kids clothing, Kids equipment, Toys, Kids furniture. Home & living includes Home furnishings, Novelties, Furniture, Electrical, Art & craft, Pet equipment, Kitchenware. The Health & lifestyle includes Cosmetics, Pharmacy, Personal, and Recreation. The Electronics & technology includes Cameras & phones, Computers & accessories, Button batteries. Outdoor includes Garden, Camping, Workshop, Outdoor entertaining, Pools & spas. The Clothing & accessories includes Clothing, Fashion accessories, Care labeling. The Transport has the options like Cars, Motor bikes, Quadbikes & ATVs, Boats & marine, Caravans & motorhomes, Trailers, Personal transport. Food & groceries includes Bakery Chilled & frozen, Eggs & dairy, Drinks, Fruit & vegetables, Meat, seafood & deli, Groceries. Industrial, business & building includes the options like Trade supplies & building materials, Tools & machinery, Office, Safety equipment. The Agricultural & veterinary includes Agricultural & veterinary chemicals, Farm equipment & supplies, Veterinary products etc.

***Kind of Information***

At the starting with main category of topics the website provides the information like images of the underlying products of that topic, then the related recalls, related news, related standards, related bans, related publications. Under each product the website provides information like information about the particular topic say, information about the product baby doll, other important factors like Risks and injuries, Buying tips, Safe use of the particular product. The entry also provides related standards and related bans. Also it includes related publications.

***Special Features***

- Under the heading “Product safety laws” the website also includes Legislation like Australian Consumer Law, Product liability, Fines & penalties, Mandatory reporting. Compliance program, Product testing, Responsible sourcing of products, Surveillance & audits under the heading “Compliance & surveillance”.
  
- Under each product category various type of related news are provided. The news is also arranged year wise.

***Arrangement Pattern***

Different kind of products is arranged topic wise under each main category.

***Remarks***

The system is also supported through a combination of measures which promote product safety. This combination of measures includes voluntary actions by suppliers, government laws that give incentives for making safe products, restrictions on selling unsafe products, information and education that enables consumers to choose safe products and use them safely. Different government agencies are responsible for monitoring and regulating the safety of different types of products: a number of agencies cover specific products such as foods, drugs and chemicals, Commonwealth, state and territory consumer protection agencies cover general consumer products that don't fit into specific categories, local governments play a role in some sectors such as food. When a product does not easily fit within a particular

regulator's coverage, agencies will work together to find the best way to manage its safety.

***Comparable Tools***

- Bureau of Indian Standards (<http://www.bis.org.in/>)
- Japanese Standards Association (JSA)  
([http://www.jsa.or.jp/default\\_english/default\\_english.html](http://www.jsa.or.jp/default_english/default_english.html))
- The International Organization for Standardization  
(<http://www.iso.org/iso/home.htm>)
- SAI Global - Standards Online (<https://infostore.saiglobal.com/store/>)
- Standards New Zealand (<https://www.standards.govt.nz/>)
- BSI Shop (<http://shop.bsigroup.com/>)

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