

Overview of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission



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CPSC

- **Independent federal regulatory agency that was created in 1972 by Congress in the Consumer Product Safety Act.**

Current Commissioners

- Hal Stratton – Chairman
- Thomas Moore
- Vacant

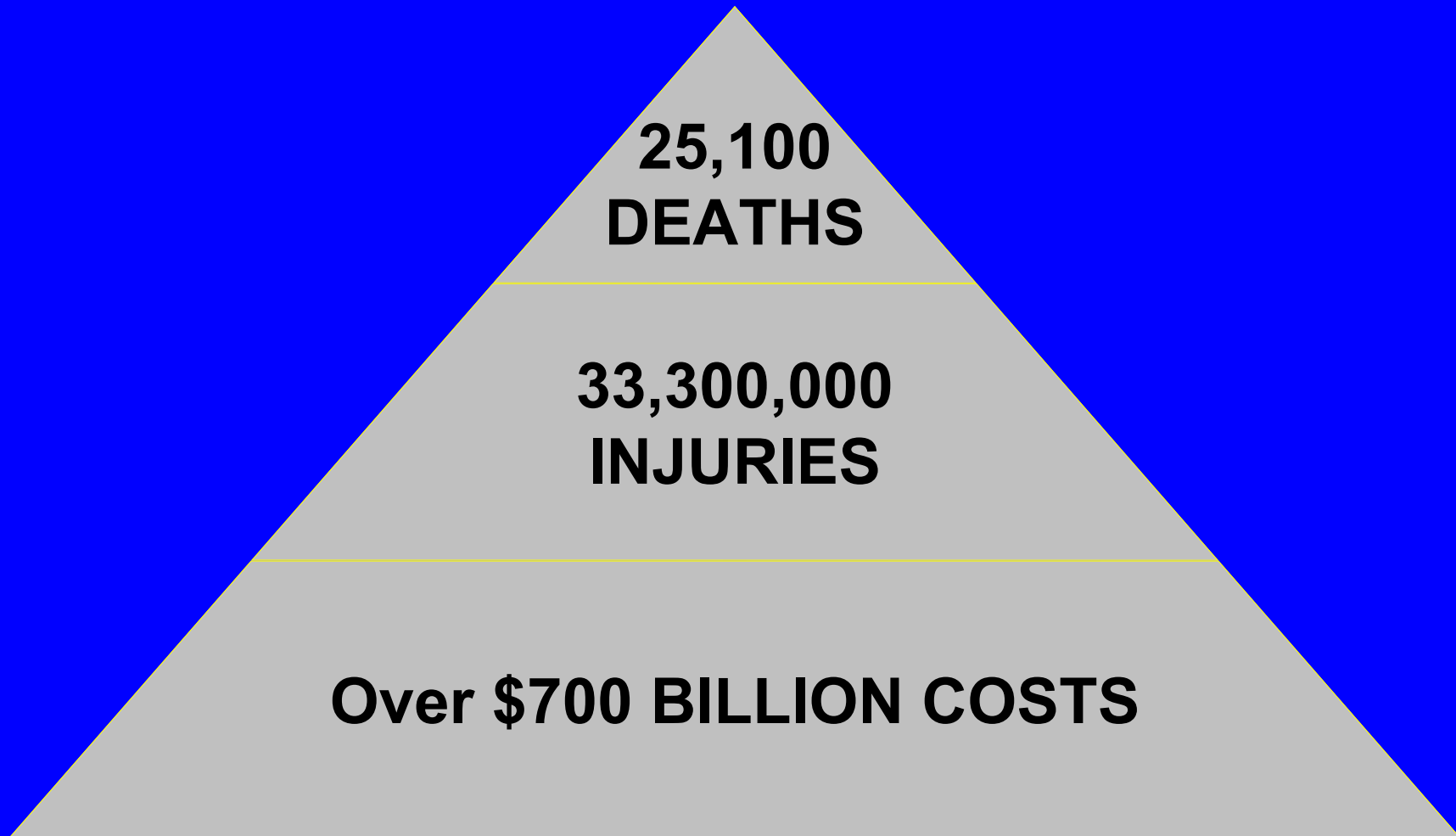
CPSC's Mission

- **“Protect the public against unreasonable risks of injuries and deaths associated with consumer products.”**
- **Jurisdiction over about 15,000 types of consumer products**

Types of Products Under CPSC's Jurisdiction

- **Children's – cribs, high chairs, toys**
- **Electrical – toasters, coffee makers, hair dryers**
- **Lawn & Garden – mowers, chain saws**
- **Household – furnaces, water heaters**
- **Recreational – bicycle helmets, ATVs**
- **Household Chemicals**

Size of the Problem



Size of CPSC

- **2005 Budget - \$62.1 million**
- **About 470 Employees**

Acts Under CPSC's Jurisdiction

- **Consumer Product Safety Act**
- **Flammable Fabrics Act**
- **Refrigerator Safety Act**
- **Federal Hazardous Substances Act (FHSA)**
- **Poison Prevention Packaging Act (PPPA)**

CPSC Data Systems

- **NEISS – National Electronic Injury Surveillance System**
- **Death Certificates**
- **MECAP – Medical Examiner and Coroners Alert Project**
- **Hotline – 1-800-638-2772**
- **News Clips**
- **Web Site – www.cpsc.gov**

How CPSC Selects Projects

- **How Often Does The Injury Occur?**
- **Are There Hidden Hazards?**
- **Does It Affect Children Or The Elderly?**
- **How Quickly and Easily Can The Problem Be Fixed?**

How CPSC Prevents Injuries and Deaths

- **Voluntary Standards**
- **Mandatory Standards**
- **Recalls/Compliance**
- **Information/Education**
- **Partnerships**
- **Conferences**
- **Guidelines**

CPSC Organizational Chart

