

Dangerous products in the EU: Safety Gate 2025 report

Toys, electrical goods, household, sport and industrial products: what European authorities flagged, and what to check before shipment.

4,705

Safety Gate alerts in 2025, all products

+41 %

alerts compared with 2023

1,968

alerts in the 5 industries covered by LPI

80 %

of these products were made in China

Alerts by industry (2025)

Industry	Alerts	Made in China	Recalled	Rejected at border	Main hazards	Standard most cited
Toys & juvenile products	837	679 (81 %)	310	121	Choking (395), Chemical (264), Injuries (92)	EN 71-1 (338)
Electrical & electronic	714	614 (86 %)	261	131	Electric shock (408), Environment (175), Fire (140)	EN 60598 (99)
Household, furniture & decor	129	81 (63 %)	52	13	Chemical (36), Environment (29), Fire (25)	EN 60335-2 (22)
Sport equipment	120	73 (61 %)	38	15	Chemical (38), Injuries (37), Drowning (25)	EN 13138 (18)
Industrial & automotive	168	132 (79 %)	28	77	Injuries (93), Fire (45), Chemical (17)	EN 1494 (4)

Trend

Alerts per year, all products: 2023: 3,341, 2024: 4,066, 2025: 4,705. 2026 to date (39 weeks): 2,793 alerts.

Main hazards and what an inspection checks

Hazard	What an LPI inspection checks
Choking	Small parts cylinder test (EN 71-1), torque and tension tests on detachable parts, seam and stuffing checks on soft toys.
Chemical	Samples sent to the lab: phthalates, heavy metals (EN 71-3), lead, cadmium, REACH and RoHS compliance.
Electric shock	Dielectric strength (hi-pot) test, insulation, earthing and access to live parts checked against EN 60335 and EN 60598.
Environment	Lab analysis: lead, cadmium, persistent organic pollutants, RoHS compliance.
Injuries	Sharp edges and points, stability, mechanical strength and load tests.
Fire	Heating test in operation, cable cross-sections, fuses and certified components checked.

What this means for importers

- Most products flagged in the five industries covered here were made in China: checks must happen at the factory, before shipment, when defects can still be corrected.
- The same hazards come back every year: small parts and chemicals in toys, electric shock and fire in electrical goods. They are listed in the standards your products must meet.
- An on-site inspection checks the product against your specifications; compliance with a standard is confirmed by lab testing. Both are complementary.

Source: Safety Gate, the EU rapid alert system for dangerous non-food products (European Commission), data as of 3 October 2026. Grouping by industry and analysis: LPI Quality. "Recalled" and "rejected at border" are measures; an alert can carry several.

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