

Mandatory standards and bans

A supplier's guide to current standards and bans under the national product safety system

About this guide

This guide outlines the current mandatory standards and bans under the national product safety system. Products include consumer goods, which are intended to be or are likely to be for personal, domestic or household use. Product-related services such as installation, maintenance, repair, cleaning, assembly or delivery of consumer goods are also included.

The guide provides information on the types of requirements under the mandatory standard and where you can access further information if you currently supply this product.

This guide is current as at 9 September 2014. Standards and bans are constantly being reviewed and updated.

For detailed information, visit www.productsafety.gov.au.

Using this guide

- Scan through the list of products and identify which ones relate to your business.
- Note the mandatory standard and the legislative instrument ID.

Option 1

- Go to www.comlaw.gov.au and in the search field type in the legislative instrument ID and click on search. Full details of the mandatory standard will be available on the website.

Option 2

- Visit www.productsafety.gov.au and click through the following links to access a full list of current standards and bans:
 - For mandatory standards: www.productsafety.gov.au --> Bans, standards and recalls --> Mandatory standards
 - For bans: www.productsafety.gov.au --> Bans, standards and recalls --> Bans


The Product Safety Australia website provides:

- links to the actual mandatory standard documents which provide full details of all requirements of a mandatory standard
- information on all current interim and permanent bans
- links to supplier guides and bulletins (where available) on key mandatory standards
- answers to frequently asked questions for mandatory standards.





Mandatory standards



Mandatory standards are introduced when considered reasonably necessary to prevent or reduce the risk of injury to a person. This means that certain consumer goods or product-related services must meet particular safety criteria before they can be supplied in Australia.

A


	<p>Aquatic toys</p> <p>The mandatory standard for aquatic toys requires a permanent label on the toy.</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Consumer Protection Notice No. 2 of 2009</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2009L01474</p>
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	<p>Baby walkers</p> <p>The mandatory standard for baby walkers prescribes specific design, construction, performance and labelling requirements.</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Trade Practices (Consumer Product Safety Standards) (Baby Walkers) Regulations 2002</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2002B00220</p>
	<p>Bath aids for babies</p> <p>The mandatory standard for baby bath aids prescribes various labelling requirements for the product and packaging.</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Trade Practices (Consumer Product Safety Standard) (Baby Bath Aids) Regulations 2005</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2005L01129</p>
	<p>Balloon-blowing kits</p> <p>The mandatory standard for balloon-blowing kits specifies that this product cannot contain the chemical benzene in the synthetic substance.</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Trade Practices (Consumer Product Safety Standards) Regulations 1979</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2004C00303</p>
	<p>Basketball rings and backboards</p> <p>The mandatory standard prescribes specific safety marking requirements for basketball rings and backboards.</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Trade Practices Regulation (Consumer Product Safety Standard) (Basketball Rings and Backboards) 2005</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2005L02920</p>


	<p>Bean bags</p> <p>The mandatory standard for bean bags prescribes specific design, construction and safety marking requirements.</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Trade Practices (Consumer Product Safety Standards) Regulations 1979</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2004C00303</p>
	<p>Bicycle helmets</p> <p>The mandatory standard for bicycle helmets prescribes specific design, construction and safety marking requirements.</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Trade Practices (Consumer Product Safety Standard) (Bicycle Helmets) Regulations 2001</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2009C01271</p>
	<p>Bicycles (pedal)</p> <p>The mandatory standard for pedal bicycles prescribes specific design and labelling requirements for child and adult bicycles.</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Consumer Protection Notice No. 6 of 2004</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2005B01053</p>
	<p>Blinds and curtains</p> <p>The mandatory standard for blinds and curtains prescribes specific warning labels and installation instructions for a variety of blinds and curtains.</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Trade Practices (Consumer Product Safety Standard - Corded Internal Window Coverings) Regulations 2010</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2010C00801</p>
	<p>Bunk beds</p> <p>The mandatory standard for bunk beds prescribes specific construction, design and labelling requirements.</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Consumer Protection Notice No. 1 of 2003</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2005B01055</p>

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	<p>Car seats for children (child car restraints)</p> <p>The mandatory standard for child car restraints prescribes specific design, construction, performance, user instructions, marking and packaging requirements.</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Consumer Protection Notice No. 12 of 2007</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2007L03548</p>
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	<p>Care labelling for clothing and textiles</p> <p>The mandatory standard for care labelling prescribes specific labelling requirements for new clothing and textiles.</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Consumer Protection Notice No. 25 of 2010</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2010L02290</p>
	<p>Cigarette lighters (disposable)</p> <p>The mandatory standard for disposable cigarette lighters prescribes specific child resistance, labelling, performance and compliance requirements.</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Trade Practices (Consumer Product Safety Standard) (Disposable Cigarette Lighters) Regulations 1997</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2004C00665</p>
	<p>Cigarettes (reduced fire risk)</p> <p>The mandatory standard for reduced fire risk cigarettes prescribes specific performance, packaging and marking requirements.</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Trade Practices (Consumer Product Safety Standard) (Reduced Fire Risk Cigarettes) Regulations 2008</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2009C00252</p>
	<p>Cosmetics and toiletries</p> <p>The mandatory standard for cosmetics and toiletries prescribes specific ingredient labelling requirements.</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Trade Practices (Consumer Product Information Standards) (Cosmetics) Regulations 1991</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2008C00244</p>
	<p>Cots (portable, folding)</p> <p>The mandatory standard for portable folding cots prescribes specific design, construction, performance and safety marking requirements.</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Consumer Protection Notice No. 4 of 2008</p> <p>Legislative instrument: F2008L00550</p>
	<p>Cots (household)</p> <p>The mandatory standard for household cots prescribes specific design, construction, performance and safety marking requirements for new, second-hand, antique and collectable cots.</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Consumer Protection Notice No. 6 of 2005</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2005L03885</p>




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	<p>Dummies for babies</p> <p>The mandatory standard for baby dummies prescribes specific design, construction and safety labelling requirements.</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Consumer Protection Notice No. 4 of 2006</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2006L03455</p>
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	<p>Exercise cycles</p> <p>The mandatory standard for exercise cycles prescribes construction, design and instruction requirements.</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Consumer Protection Notice No. 9 of 1997</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2005B01068</p>
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	<p>Finger paints containing lead and other elements</p> <p>This mandatory standard prescribes maximum acceptable levels of lead and other elements in children's finger paints.</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Consumer Protection Notice No. 1 of 2009</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2009L00223</p>
	<p>Fire extinguishers (portable, aerosol)</p> <p>The mandatory standard for portable aerosol fire extinguishers prescribes specific materials, construction, design, charge, performance, labelling and instruction requirements</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Consumer Protection Notice No. 9 of 2004</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2005B01049</p>
	<p>Fire extinguishers (portable, non-aerosol)</p> <p>The mandatory standard for portable non-aerosol fire extinguishers prescribes specific cylinder construction, performance test requirements and identification colour requirements.</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Consumer Protection Notice No. 3 of 2004</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2005B01048</p>


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	<p>Hot water bottles</p> <p>The mandatory standard for hot water bottles prescribes specific covers design and construction, performance and labelling requirements.</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Trade Practices (Consumer Product Safety Standard) Hot Water Bottles Regulations 2008</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2008L00651</p>
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	<p>Jacks (trolley)</p> <p>The mandatory standard for trolley jacks prescribes specific design, construction, performance and packaging requirements.</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Consumer Protection Notice No. 10 of 2008</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2008L03230</p>
	<p>Jacks (vehicle)</p> <p>This mandatory standard prescribes specific design, construction, performance and instructions for safe use requirements for a variety of vehicle jacks.</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Consumer Protection Notice No. 1 of 2010</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2010L00295</p>


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	<p>Luggage straps (elastic)</p> <p>The mandatory standard for elastic luggage straps prescribes specific safety marking and labelling requirements.</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Trade Practices (Consumer Product Safety Standards) Regulations 1979</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2004C00303</p>
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	<p>Motorcycle helmets</p> <p>The mandatory standard for motorcycle helmets prescribes specific design, construction, performance and instructions for safe use requirements.</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Consumer Protection Notice No. 9 of 1990</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2005B01097</p>
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	<p>Nightwear for children (including paper patterns)</p> <p>This mandatory standard prescribes specific nightwear categories along with labelling requirements for children's nightwear and paper patterns for making children's nightwear.</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Trade Practices (Consumer Product Safety Standards) (Children's Nightwear and Paper Patterns for Children's Nightwear) Regulations 2007</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2007L00215</p>
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	<p>Prams and strollers</p> <p>The mandatory standard for prams and strollers prescribes specific performance testing, design, construction, safety warning and informative label requirements.</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Consumer Protection Notice No. 8 of 2007</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2007L01895</p>
	<p>Portable swimming pools</p> <p>The mandatory standard for portable swimming pools comes into effect on 30 March 2014. It covers labelling requirements for portable swimming pools.</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Consumer Goods (Portable Swimming Pools) Safety Standard 2013</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2013L00049</p>

R





	<p>Ramps for motor vehicles</p> <p>The mandatory standard for portable motor vehicle ramps prescribes specific design, construction, performance and labelling requirements.</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Consumer Protection Notice No. 2 of 2010</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2010L00296</p>
	<p>Recovery straps for motor vehicles</p> <p>The mandatory standard for motor vehicle recovery straps prescribes specific packaging information, instruction and warning label requirements.</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Trade Practices (Consumer Product Safety Standard) (Motor Vehicle Recovery Straps) Regulations 2010</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2010L01931</p>

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	<p>Soccer goals (moveable)</p> <p>The mandatory standard for moveable soccer goals prescribes specific anchoring, labelling and testing requirements.</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Consumer Protection Notice No. 28 of 2010</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2010L03061</p>
	<p>Sunglasses and fashion spectacles</p> <p>The mandatory standard for sunglasses and fashion spectacles prescribes specific lens categories, along with construction and labelling requirements.</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Consumer Protection Notice No. 13 of 2003</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2008C00606</p>
	<p>Support stands for vehicles</p> <p>The mandatory standard for vehicle support stands prescribes specific design, construction, safety marking and packaging requirements.</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Consumer Protection Notice No. 12 of 2008</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2008L04579</p>
	<p>Swimming and flotation aids</p> <p>The mandatory standard for swimming and flotation aids for children's tuition prescribes specific labelling requirements.</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Consumer Protection Notice No. 3 of 2009</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2009L01476</p>

T

	<p>Tobacco labelling</p> <p>The mandatory standard for labelling on tobacco products, such as cigarettes, prescribes a variety of labelling requirements, including information and warning messages and graphic images.</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Trade Practices (Consumer Product Information Standards) Tobacco Regulations 2004</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2007C00131</p>
	<p>Toys (projectile)</p> <p>The mandatory standard for projectile toys prescribes design, construction, testing, instruction, labelling and age grading requirements.</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Consumer Protection Notice No. 16 of 2010</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2010L01870</p>

	<p>Toys containing lead and other elements</p> <p>This mandatory standard prescribes maximum acceptable levels of lead and other elements in children's toys.</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Consumer Protection Notice No. 1 of 2009</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2009L00223</p>
	<p>Toys containing magnets</p> <p>This mandatory standard prescribes specific warning labels for packaging, and instruction requirements.</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Consumer Protection Notice No. 5 of 2010</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2010L00195</p>
	<p>Toys for children under three</p> <p>The mandatory standard for toys for children under three prescribes specific testing methods, as well as design and construction requirements.</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Consumer Protection Notice No. 14 of 2003</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2008C00607</p>
	<p>Treadmills</p> <p>The mandatory standard for treadmills prescribes specific labelling requirements.</p> <p>Mandatory standard: Trade Practices (Consumer Product Safety Standard) (Treadmills) Regulations 2009</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2009L02165</p>

Bans






Bans can be placed on consumer goods or product-related services if there is evidence of a risk of serious injury, illness or death associated with the goods or services.





A ban can be interim (temporary) or permanent.

Permanent bans

	<p>Baby dummies with unsafe decoration</p> <p>There is a ban on certain baby dummies with decorations including crystals and beads and other similar ornaments.</p> <p>Ban: Consumer Protection Notice No. 33 of 2011</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2011L01874</p>
	<p>Baby dummy chains with unsafe decoration</p> <p>There is a ban on certain baby dummy chains with decorations including crystals and beads and other similar ornaments.</p> <p>Ban: Consumer Protection Notice No. 34 of 2011</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2011L01877</p>
	<p>Candle holders (combustible)</p> <p>There is a ban on candle holders that can ignite and burn for five seconds or more when subjected to heat or flame from the candle it is holding.</p> <p>Ban: Consumer Protection Notice No. 12 of 2011</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2011L00220</p>
	<p>Candles with lead wicks</p> <p>There is a ban on candles with wicks that contain more than 0.06% of lead and candle wicks that contain more than 0.06% of lead.</p> <p>Ban: Consumer Protection Notice No. 7 of 2002</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2010L03296</p>
	<p>Cigarette lighters (toy-like, novelty)</p> <p>There is a ban on toy-like novelty cigarette lighters that may appeal to children under five years old.</p> <p>Ban: Consumer Protection Notice No. 18 of 2011</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2011L00228</p>
	<p>Cigarettes (novelty)</p> <p>There is a ban on novelty cigarettes that look like real cigarettes and often contain hydrated magnesium silicate, which is the primary ingredient in talcum powder.</p> <p>Ban: Consumer Protection Notice No. 15 of 2011</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2011L00225</p>

	<p>DEHP in children's plastic items</p> <p>There is a ban on a range of children's plastic items that may contain more than 1 per cent Diethylhexyl phthalate (DEHP).</p> <p>Ban: Consumer Protection Notice No. 11 of 2011</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2011L00192</p>
	<p>Fire footbags</p> <p>There is a ban on fire footbags and other similar goods, which are balls manufactured from fire resistant material, doused in flammable liquid and ignited for the purpose of amusement by throwing or kicking.</p> <p>Ban: Consumer Protection Notice No. 4 of 2010</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2010L03299</p>
	<p>Gas masks containing asbestos</p> <p>There is a ban on gas masks with asbestos breathing devices. Such gas masks usually consist of a full-face shield, a hose and a detachable metal canister containing an asbestos filter.</p> <p>Ban: Consumer Protection Notice No. 17 of 1993</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2010L03295</p>
	<p>Glucomannan in tablet form</p> <p>There is a ban on glucomannan in a tablet form. Glucomannan is an appetite suppressant that swells in the stomach to create a feeling of fullness.</p> <p>Ban: Consumer Protection Notice — Glucomannan in tablet form</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2010L03293</p>
	<p>Jelly cups (mini) containing konjac</p> <p>Mini jelly cups containing konjac are banned. These small confectionery products are mouth-sized jelly cups and are no more than 45mm in height and width. Konjac is a binding food additive that comes from the root of the konnyaku plant. When eaten, it does not dissolve easily.</p> <p>Ban: Consumer Protection Notice No. 2 of 2004</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2010L03298</p>
	<p>Knives (toy & novelty)</p> <p>There is a ban on undeclared knives or cutters in packaged children's art, craft and stationery sets.</p> <p>Ban: Consumer Protection Notice No. 19 of 2011</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2011L00229</p>
	<p>Magnets – small, high powered</p> <p>There is a ban on small, high powered magnets that are loose or separable. This ban applies to magnets that are small enough to fit into the small parts cylinder, have a magnetic flux of 50 or more and are marketed by the supplier as, or supplied for use as a toy, game or puzzle (including but not limited to an adult desk toy, an educational toy or game, a toy, game or puzzle for mental stimulation or stress relief); a construction or modelling kit; or jewellery to be worn in or around</p>

	<p>the mouth or nose.</p> <p>Ban: Consumer Protection Notice No. 5 of 2012</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2012L02171</p>
	<p>Mini motorbikes with unsafe design features</p> <p>There is a ban on unsafe mini motorbikes that have unstable structures and mechanical flaws, lack an emergency stopping device, lack effective brakes and steering and/or lack adequate footholds.</p> <p>Ban: Consumer Protection Notice No. 14 of 2011</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2011L00224</p>
	<p>Pools and spas with unsafe design features</p> <p>There is a ban on pools and spas with unsafe 'potty skimmer' style filter systems or outlets with designs that increase the risk of entrapment of hair and other body parts.</p> <p>Ban: Consumer Protection Notice No. 16 of 2011</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2011L00223</p>
	<p>Sky lanterns</p> <p>There is a ban on sky lanterns which are miniature, unmanned hot air balloons that rely on an open flame to heat the air inside the lantern, causing them to lift into the atmosphere.</p> <p>Ban: Consumer Protection Notice No. 17 of 2011</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2011L00227</p>
	<p>Tinted headlight covers</p> <p>There is a ban on tinted headlight covers that restrict more than 15 percent of a headlight's beam. A tinted headlight cover is a coloured panel placed in front of a motor vehicle headlight.</p> <p>Ban: Consumer Protection Notice No. 7 of 2003</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2010L03297</p>
	<p>Tobacco products (smokeless)</p> <p>There is a ban on smokeless tobacco products that are absorbed into the user's system through sucking or chewing rather than burning the tobacco, as with cigarettes or cigars.</p> <p>Ban: Consumer Protection Notice No. 10 of 1991</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2010L03294</p>

	<p>Tongue studs without holes</p> <p>There is a ban on tongue studs without holes which are small beads worn as jewellery on the human tongue, without the need for piercing. They have a small opening on one side only, which acts to create a vacuum when attached to the tongue.</p> <p>Ban: Consumer Protection Notice No. 18 of 2010</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2010L03300</p>
	<p>Toothpaste containing Diethylene glycol (DEG)</p> <p>There is a ban on toothpaste containing more than 0.25% by weight of DEG. DEG is a toxic substance used by some overseas manufacturers as a replacement for glycerine in toothpaste.</p> <p>Ban: Consumer Protection Notice No. 4 of 2009</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2010L03279</p>
	<p>Toys containing beads (inflatable, novelty & furniture)</p> <p>There is a ban on inflatable toys, novelties and furniture containing beads such as loose pellets or small particles, generally made from polystyrene or a similar synthetic material.</p> <p>Ban: Consumer Protection Notice No. 13 of 2011</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2011L00222</p>
	<p>Yo-Yo water balls</p> <p>There is a ban on yo-yo water balls which are liquid filled toys or novelties that have a soft and spongy texture, centre filled with a hydrocarbon based liquid such as toluene (product of petroleum), a thermal plastic rubber outer casing, and an elasticised cord capable of extending at least 500 mm in length.</p> <p>Ban: Consumer Protection Notice No. 20 of 2011</p> <p>Legislative instrument ID: F2011L00230</p>

Interim bans

Interim bans may be made by a state or territory Minister or the Commonwealth Minister. Their duration may be 60–120 days. Check the Product Safety Australia website (www.productsafety.gov.au) for details of any interim bans.

Penalties

Supplying products that do not comply with a mandatory standard or ban is an offence under the Australian Consumer Law (ACL).

Fines for non-compliance are:

- up to \$1.1 million for companies
- up to \$220,000 for individuals.

Contacts

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- www.productsafety.gov.au
- www.recalls.gov.au