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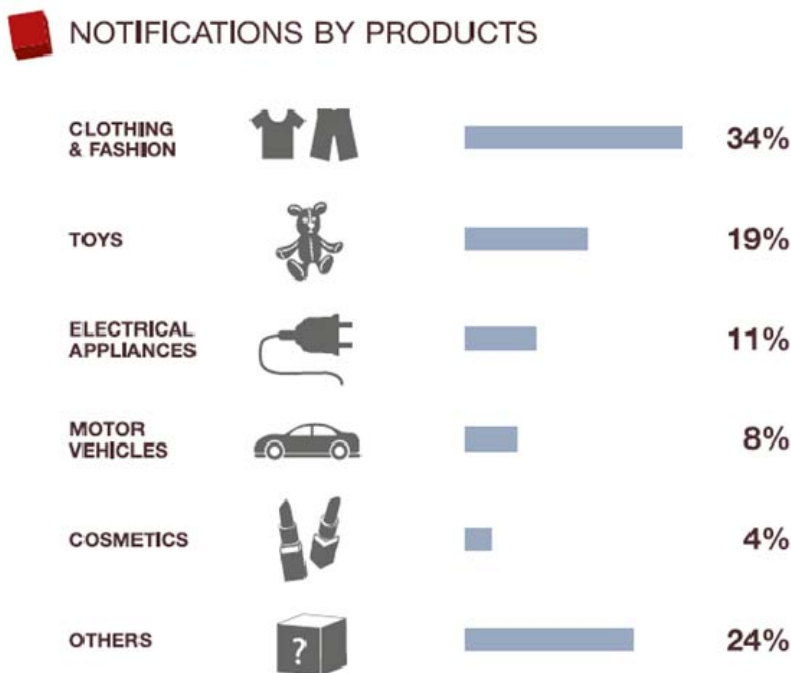
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EU RAPEX 2012 REPORT - 26% RISE IN DANGEROUS PRODUCTS NOTIFICATIONS

RAPEX is the European rapid alert system for dangerous products with the exception of food, pharmaceutical and medical devices within the European Member States. In 2012, 2,278 products presenting a risk to the health and safety of consumers were reported through the RAPEX, which corresponds to a 26% rise in dangerous products notifications.

The European Commission attributes this increase to enforced market surveillance by national authorities and better cooperation with customs, as well as an improved and updated IT system for RAPEX.

As in 2010 and 2011, the most notified product categories are clothing, textiles and fashion items (34%) and toys (19%) which represent 53% of all notifications distributed through the RAPEX system in 2012. The reason for the prominence of clothing, textiles and fashion items is the continuous actions of Member States market surveillance on cords and drawstrings in children's clothing¹ as well as the permanent ban of dimethylfumarate (DMF) in consumer products under the REACH Regulation.²

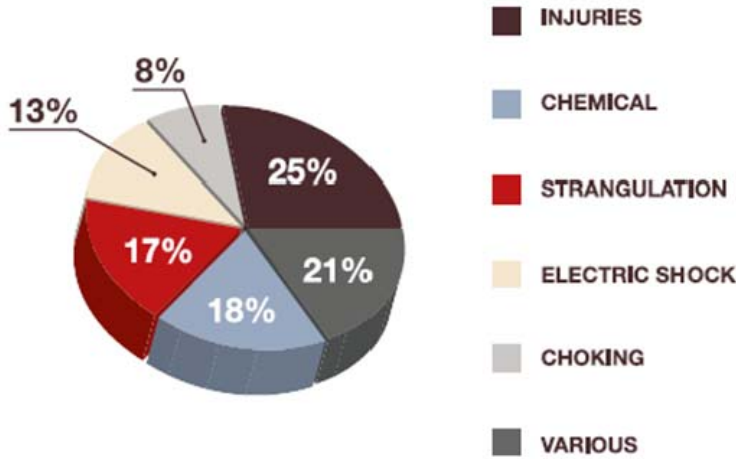


Source : [RAPEX Infograph 2012](#); the Directorate-General for Health and Consumers of the European Commission

¹ [SafeGuards 114/11](#)

² [SafeGuards 081/12](#)

NOTIFICATIONS BY TYPE OF RISK



In a drive to raise awareness of product risks and to promote product safety to our clients, the SGS “Product Recalls” publication summarises the notifications of unsafe consumer products in the European, US and the Australian markets. Products Recalls is included in the SafeGuards e-mailing twice per month.

Throughout our global network, SGS offers consultation and comprehensive testing services covering the full spectrum of international product safety and regulatory standards for a wide range of consumer products. To know more about our services, please [visit our website](#)

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