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Sommario/riassunto

This text provides an overview of the prior authority of the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to establish consumer product safety standards and to inspect and recall unsafe consumer products.
