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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.
