



# How safe are baby soothers sold in the EU?

National market surveillance authorities collaborated in a product safety campaign, funded through the European Commission, to test selected baby soothers and soother holders sold on their markets for compliance with EU rules and standards.



## What was tested?

**145 products** (81 baby soothers and 64 soother holders) bought online and from physical stores in **14 countries** were analysed by an accredited laboratory in the EU. Laboratory tests included checks on endurance, tear resistance and chemical requirements. Labelling and marking were verified by the relevant national authorities.



## What should you do?

- **Check** soothers for small parts that can easily come off.
- **Check** [Safety Gate](#) for reported problems for the soother you want to buy.
- **Report safety issues** or accidents with the product to your consumer protection authority on [Consumer Safety Gateway](#).



## Test results

Of 81 samples of baby soothers and 64 samples of soother holders, **25%** and **72%** failed to meet at least one of the testing requirements, respectively.

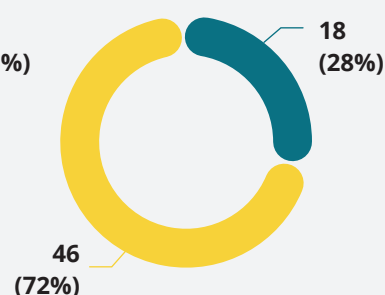
Ten products had **inadequate or missing ventilation**, one **soother shield was too small and entered the mouth** and four product **teats tore off**.

Overall, 31% of baby soothers and 72% of soother holders did not meet at least one EU requirement when labelling is included.

Baby soothers



Soother holders



- Met the requirements
- Did not meet the requirements



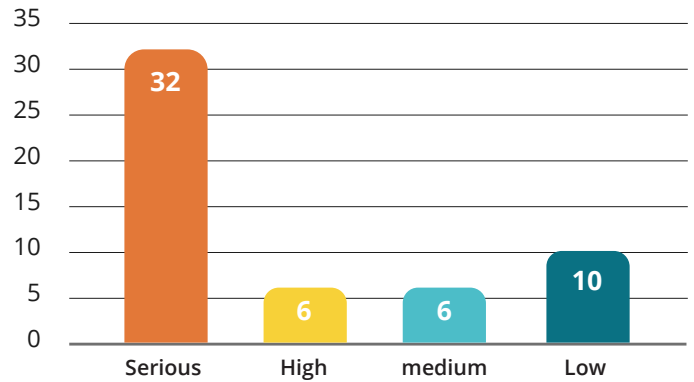
## What are the risks?

Baby soothers and soother holders can pose significant risks to children, including hazards such as chemical dangers, choking and strangulation. Strangulation is a significant risk of soother holders: additional strings, ribbons or cords should never be attached to soother holders to extend their length.



## What did national authorities do?

**32 samples** were found to pose a **serious risk** to safety, 6 a high risk, 6 a medium risk and 10 a low risk.



Notifications for **20 baby soothers and soother holders** of serious risk were posted on [Safety Gate](#), the EU's rapid alert system for dangerous non-food products. Manufacturers and distributors were instructed to:

- recall their products from consumers;
- withdraw them from the market;
- stop further sales;
- correct shortcomings with labels, warnings and instructions.



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