



How safe are children's high chairs sold in the EU?



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



What was tested?

60 high chairs bought online and from physical stores in **11 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?

- **Ensure** that the high chair is stable before use and always use the restraint system.
- **Look out** for easily detachable small parts or gaps where their limbs could get trapped or injured.
- **Check [Safety Gate](#)** for reported problems for the high chair you want to buy.
- **Report safety issues** or accidents with the product to your consumer protection authority on [Consumer Safety Gateway](#).



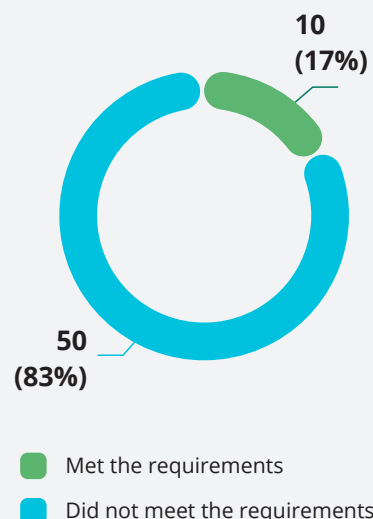
Test results

Of the 60 samples, **40%** did not meet at least one of the testing requirements. When checks for labelling are included **83%** did not meet the requirements.

Key failures were identified for laboratory tests.

71% of the samples failed to meet marking and product information requirements, **22%** failed stability testing and **16%** were at risk of due to non-compliant restraint systems or inadequate lateral protection.

Overall test results (including warnings, markings and instruction)





What are the risks?

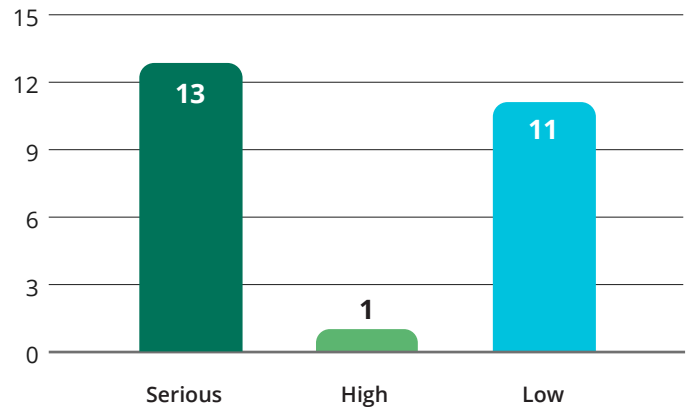
High chairs can pose serious risks due to mechanical issues, including instability, risk of falling from heights, or head/neck entrapment as children often move around and may attempt to escape from high chairs.

Small openings, detachable section and small parts can also present risks of injury to the child.



What did national authorities do?

13 samples were found to pose a **serious risk** to safety and health, one a high risk and 11 a low risk.



Notifications for 6 high chairs 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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