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**Onstream Systems ground-breaking redaction software, RapidRedact™, is being used by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission.**

The Federal commission is charged with protecting the US public from unreasonable risks of serious injury or death from more than 15,000 types of consumer products which fall under the agency's jurisdiction.

The **CPSC** has contributed greatly to a 30% reduction in deaths, injuries and property damage from consumer product incidents over the past 30 years even though they still cost the US more than \$700 billion annually.

"RapidRedact redaction software has enhanced the commission's ability to respond to FOIA and other information requests in a timely fashion without compromising the commission's non-disclosure rules," a CPSC spokesperson said.

CPSC maintains hundreds of files involving thousands of records on manufacturers, products, and on administrative and rule-making proceedings and also maintains computer stored or generated information that summarises incidents and investigations of incidents.

With an important part of the CPSC mission being to keep the public informed about product hazards, CPSC uses local and national media coverage, publication of numerous booklets and product alerts, a web site, a telephone Hotline, the National Injury Information Clearinghouse, and a Public Information Center.

However, they do not disclose to the public such things as trade secrets, confidential commercial or financial information; information that identifies manufacturers of consumer products, unless fair under the circumstances; information that identifies injured persons without their consent; certain inter-agency and intra-agency memoranda containing opinions and recommendations; personnel, medical and similar files, which would be an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy; and investigatory records compiled for law enforcement purposes.

Says **Onstream Systems'** principal David Kelly, "With Government openness ostensibly on the increase we're finding more and more that Government agencies are installing RapidRedact to avoid the dangerous pitfalls which can arise in attempting to adequately adhere to FOIA and other information requests without flouting commercial, privacy and law enforcement sensitivities."

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