Background
As a result of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA), all items intended primarily for use by children 12 years of age or younger must undergo third-party testing and be accompanied by a Children’s Product Certificate (CPC).

Third party testing is performed by a CPSC accepted laboratory that is able to perform the specific tests for each children’s product safety rule. Third party testing exists in order to have an objective, unbiased laboratory ensure that each product is properly tested and compliant with the law.

Once the mandatory tests are completed, the manufacturer of the children’s product can generate a CPC. This CPC must accompany the product through the supply chain in either a hard copy or electronic format.

The chart to the left is a summary of consumer product safety standards requiring third-party testing.

Online Resources:
Listing of CPSC-accepted Laboratories: www.cpsc.gov/cgi-bin/labsearch/