



TOP 3 THINGS HEALTHCARE FACILITIES SHOULD KNOW ABOUT RECALLS



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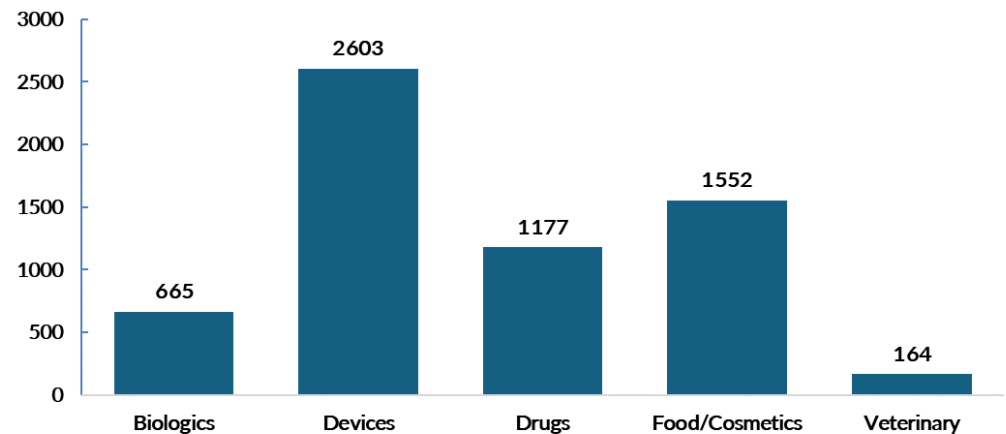


INTRODUCTION

The FDA reported over 6,100 recalls in 2023 ¹. How many affected your facility? With millions of products in the average hospital, from drugs to equipment to surgical gloves, it's likely that at least one recall impacted you. And that number is rising.

Advances in medical research continuously introduce new products and technologies, which means more recalls to manage. Handling these recalls can be challenging, but there are steps you can take to ease the process. As experts in recall data and process management, we have valuable insights to help make recalls more manageable.

Recalled Products by Product Type (2023)



Source: FDA Data Dashboard

1. FDA Data Dashboard. U.S. Food and Drug Administration. <https://datadashboard.fda.gov/ora/cd/recalls.htm>



CRITICAL POINTS:

#1. MANY PRODUCTS ARE FREQUENTLY RECALLED

The FDA issues many recalls on a daily basis spanning medical devices, pharmaceuticals, and food products. Healthcare facilities need to establish monitoring systems for recall notifications to promptly respond to new recalls.

Staying informed is crucial, utilizing FDA alerts, manufacturer notifications, and healthcare networks to ensure comprehensive awareness and timely action on all recalls.

CONCLUSION

A central, trusted source of information is critical. Juggling multiple sources can lead to missing recalls or incomplete information.

Leverage the power of modern data APIs and system integrations. Reduce staff workload with automating recalled products.



CRITICAL POINTS:

#2. STAFF STRESS IS HIGH

Implementing an automated recall management system ensures quick and effective removal of questionable items.

It reduces the burden on healthcare workers, accurately matches recall notifications to inventory, enhances patient safety, minimizes liability risks, and prevents crucial information from being lost or overlooked.

CONCLUSION

Relying on hospital staff to handle recalls on their own is inefficient, increases the risk of human error, and takes valuable time away from patient care.

A more effective approach is to implement an automated system that aligns recall data with your inventory.



CRITICAL POINTS:

#3. ADAPTIVE RECALL SYSTEMS

Recall management systems can be designed to be flexible and customizable. Your organization can adapt these systems to fit your unique recall workflow and standards. This adaptability is essential for enterprise-level organizations where recall policies vary across hospitals, clinics, and distribution centers.

Whether you have centralized or decentralized purchasing, each with its own expected timeframes for managing recalls, a customizable system ensures that all needs are met, minimizing gaps and ensuring efficient recall management.

CONCLUSION

Recall data as an input can be used in many different Recall Management, Asset Management, CMMS, and RTLS systems.

Equiptrack's robust data set and detailed item information makes it easy for recall systems to identify affected equipment or consumable items.

SUMMARY

Recall management is vital for hospital safety.

You need a system that accesses multiple sources like FDA, CDC, manufacturers, suppliers, and distributors in one place. This system should validate information upfront to speed up responses, reduce risks, and cut down on unnecessary alerts.

Automatic inventory matching is crucial to pinpointing relevant alerts quickly, preventing alert overload, and keeping your staff focused on what matters most

Finally, select a recall management system that can be tailored to fit your specific needs, whether your organization is large or small.

Customization ensures optimal efficiency. Equiptrack stands out in these areas, recognized for its leadership in recall data and remediation processes.





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