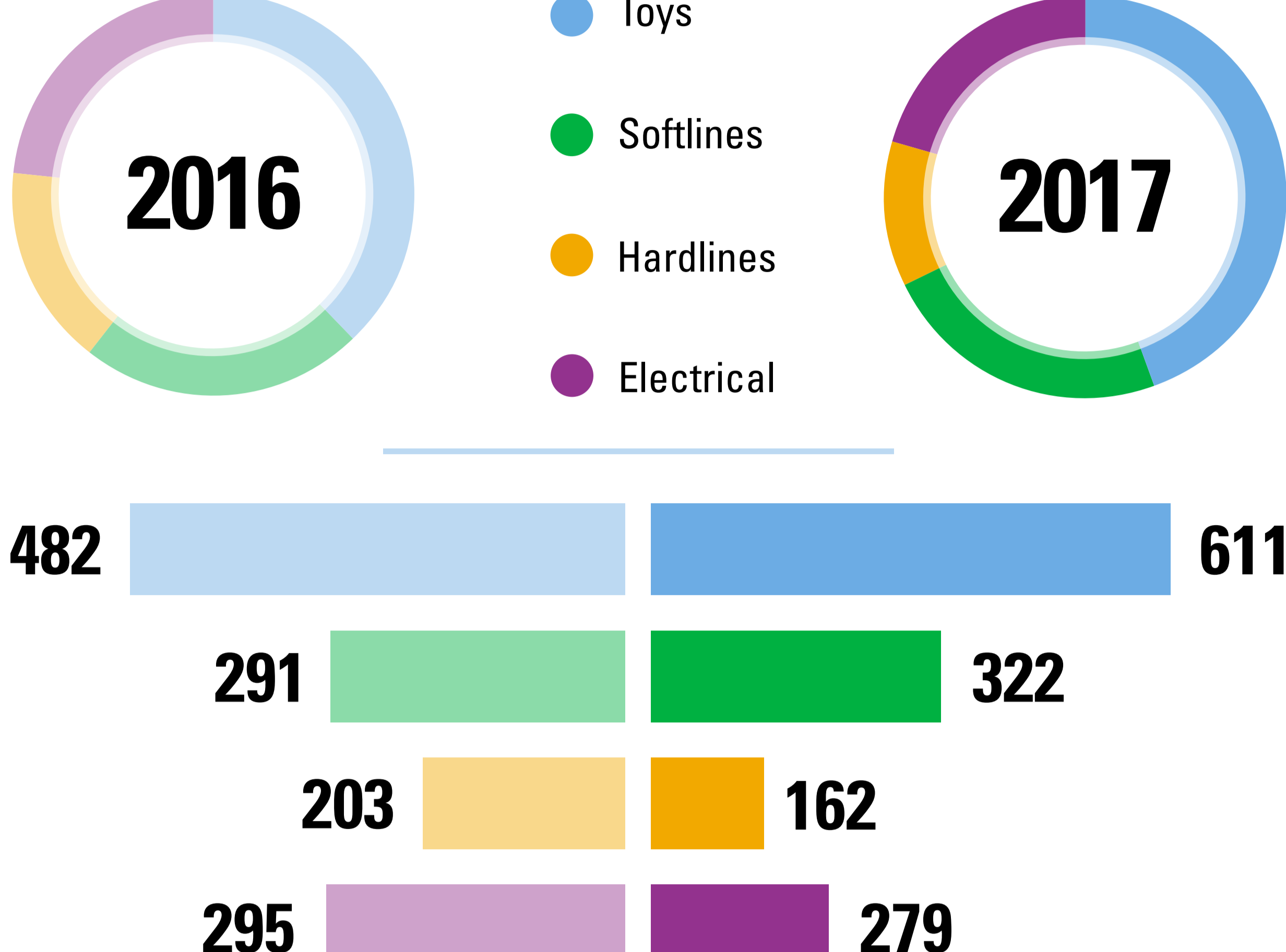


# 2017 RAPEX PRODUCT RECALL STATISTICS SUMMARY

The European Rapid Information System (RAPEX) is a platform for exchange of information between 31 participating countries (the 28 Member States in the European Union plus Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) and the European Commission on measures and action taken in relation to products posing a serious risk to the human health and environment safety.

The system covers dangerous non-food products intended for consumers as well as professionals.

## Product Recall Comparisons of :



## Top 3 Manufacturing Countries - Products Recalled

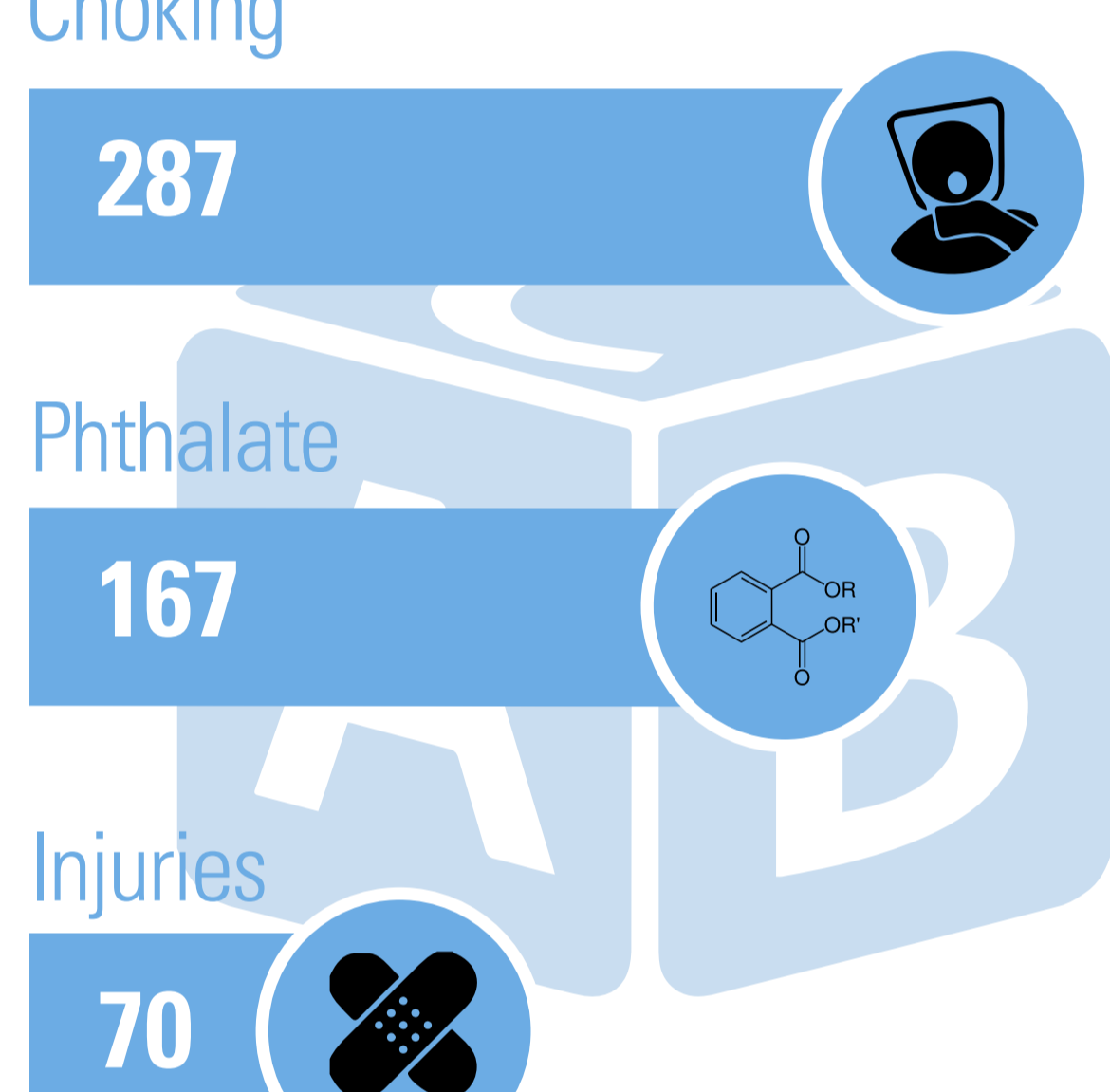


## Top Three Risks for Toys

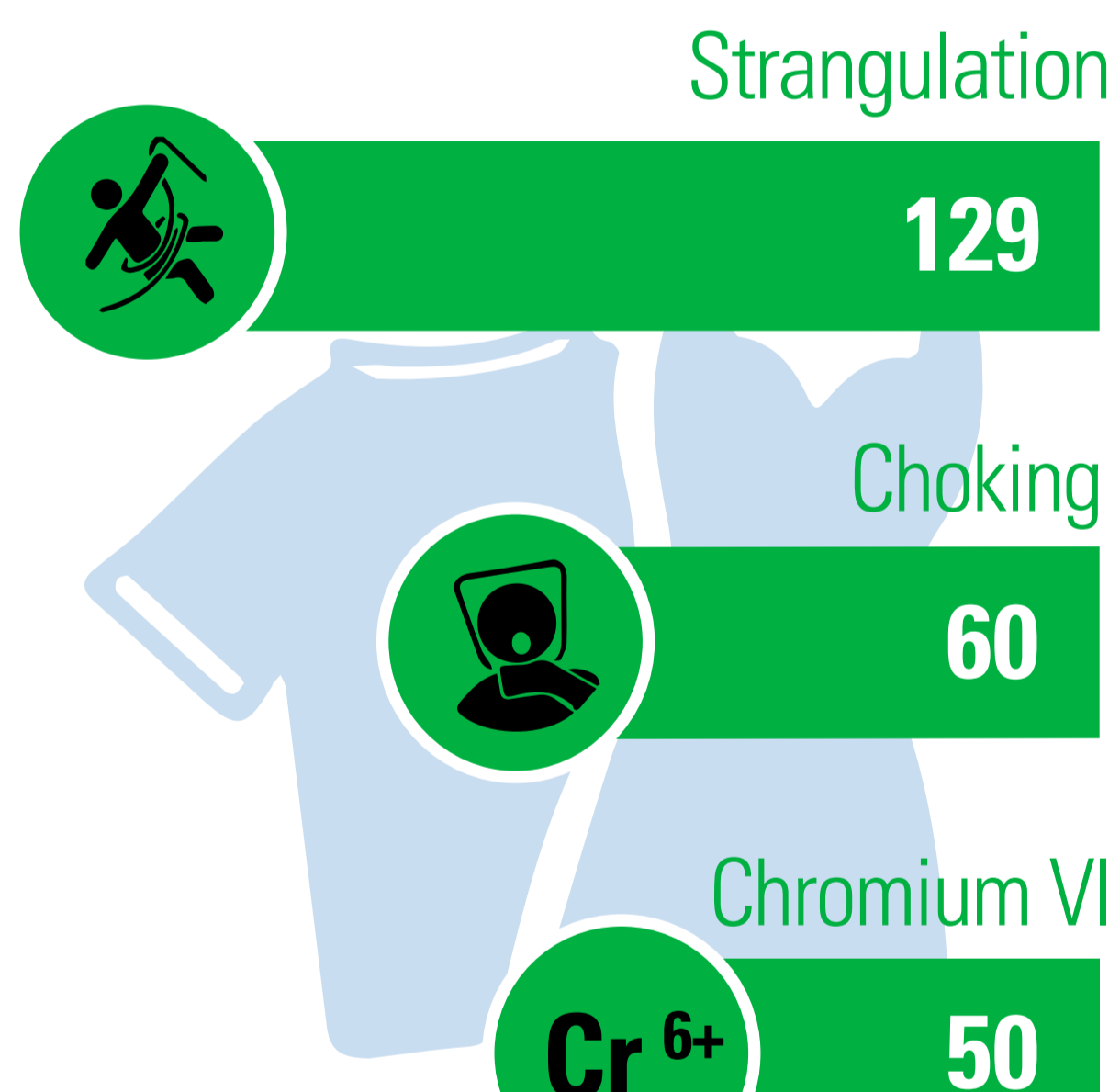
Comparing to 2016, there were 129 more notifications in 2017. This is an increase of approximately 26%.

Choking, phthalates and injuries remain as the top risks in both year.

Phthalates are generally used as a plasticizer to impart flexibility in plastics, thus most of the recalled toys in phthalate notifications are plastic dolls.



## Top Three Risks for Softlines



The total number of notifications on Softlines in 2017 is almost as much as that in 2016, with about 10% increase in 2017 over 2016.

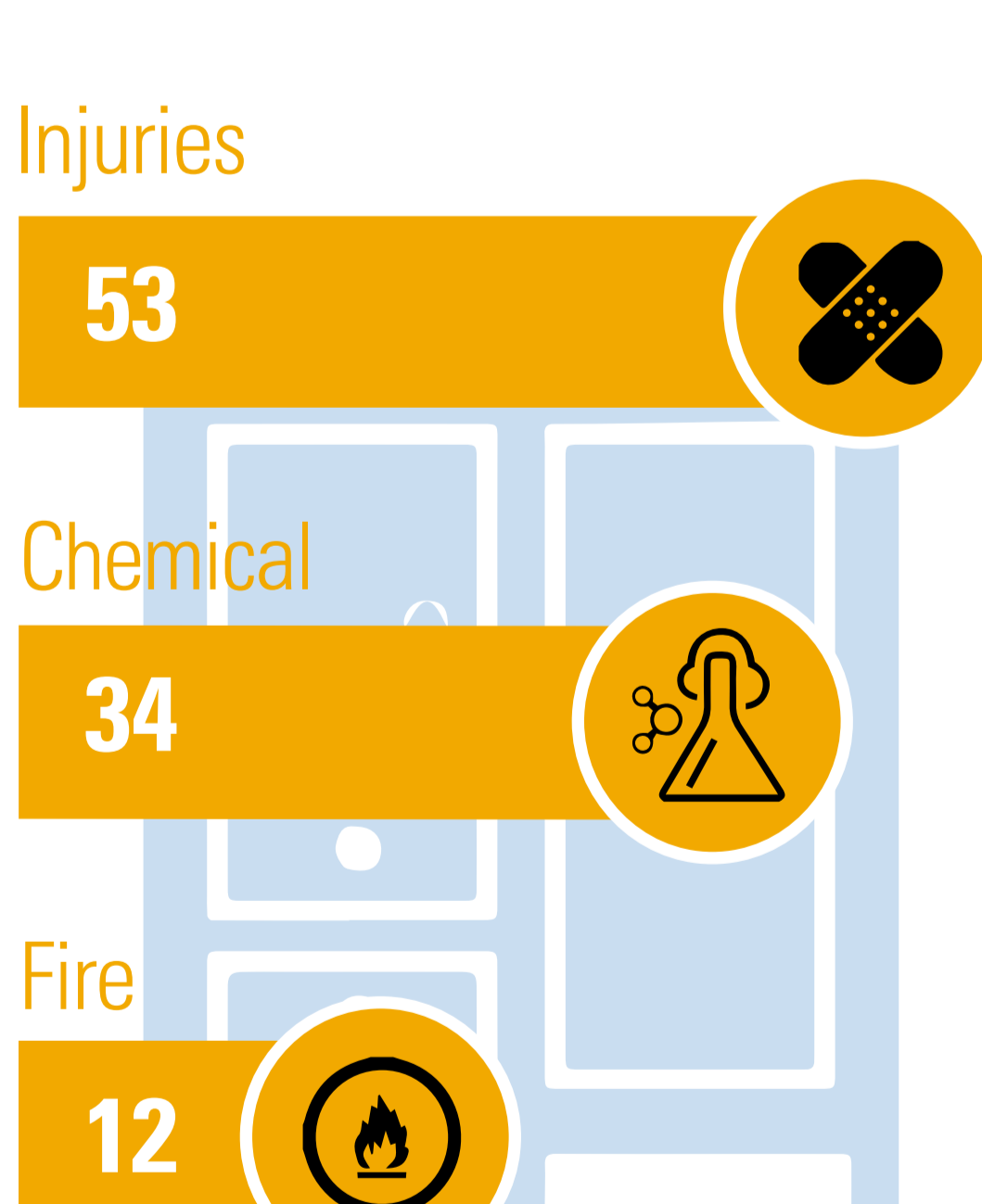
The number of notification on strangulation/injuries because of cords and drawstrings are significantly greater than other risk types. All of these notifications were on children's apparel.

## Top Three Risks for Hardlines

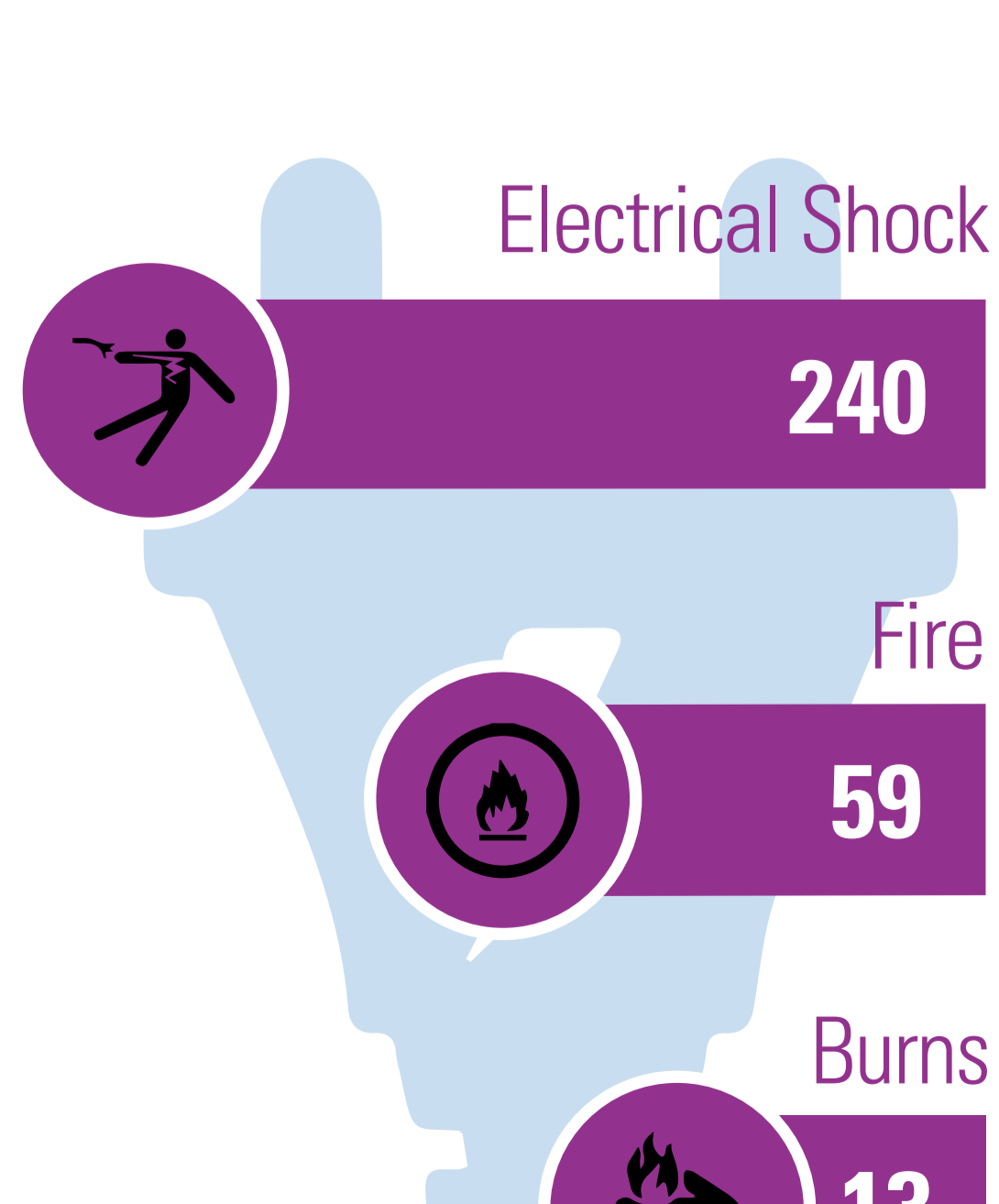
Total number of hardlines product recalls has reduced by 20% in 2017 comparing to 2016.

The top 3 risks remain the same in both years.

Among all, protective equipment and hobby/sports equipment are the top two categories generating the most recalls related to risks of injuries in both years.



## Top Three Risks for EnE



The total number of notifications on ENE in 2017 is almost as much as that in 2016, with about 5% decrease in 2017 over 2016.

The top 3 risks remain the same in both years.

Electrical appliances & equipment and lighting equipment are the top two categories for EnE recall in both years.