

Kidde Recalls Fire Extinguishers with Plastic Handles due to Failure to Discharge and Nozzle Detachment

Kidde, the nation's largest manufacturer of fire extinguishers, is currently recalling 40+ million fire extinguishers with plastic handles. They are also recalling many types of extinguishers with push-buttons, which were sold primarily for use in kitchens or on personal watercraft. This recall covers extinguishers made from 2015 all the way back to 1973! No documentation or sales receipt is necessary for a replacement. This recall involves extinguishers made by Kidde, but not necessarily sold under the Kidde name. Extinguishers sold by the companies listed below are only a few of the many companies which sold recalled extinguishers under various names: BiCentennial, Costco, Fireaway, Fire Away, Gillette, Home, Honeywell, Kadet, Kidde, Mariner, Montgomery Ward, Quell, Sam's, and Sears.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, recalled models may clog or otherwise fail to activate when fighting a fire. There are 134 models of fire extinguishers made between January 1, 1973 and August 15, 2017, including some models that were previously recalled in March 2009 and in February 2015. The extinguishers were sold in red, white and silver, and are either ABC- or BC-rated. The model number is printed on the extinguisher label. For units produced in 2007 and beyond, the date of manufacture is a 10-digit date code printed on the side of the cylinder, near the bottom. Digits five through nine represent the day and year of manufacture in DDDYY format. Date codes for recalled models manufactured from January 2, 2012 through August 15, 2017 are 00212 through 22717. For units produced before 2007, a date code is not printed on the fire extinguisher.

Hazard:

The fire extinguishers can become clogged or require excessive force to discharge and can fail to activate during a fire emergency. In addition, the nozzle can detach with enough force to pose an impact hazard.

Remedy: Replace

Recall Date:
November 2, 2017

Recall Number:
18-022

Consumer Contact:

Kidde toll-free at 855-271-0773 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET Saturday and Sunday, or online at www.kidde.com and click on "Product Safety Recall" for more information.



BACK OF CYLINDER

DATE CODE (for models produced in 2007 and later)
(161114)

SERIAL NUMBER
(B78866283)

MODEL NUMBER
Select first model number
on list. (H110G)