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Kidde Recalls Nearly 38 Million Fire Extinguishers

Hinsdale, Ill. – Kidde, the world’s largest manufacturer of fire safety products, has recalled 37.8 million fire extinguishers that may not work because of a faulty handle, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission announced today.

According to the Kidde company website, 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. The massive recall involves 134 models of Kidde fire extinguishers manufactured between Jan. 1, 1973 and Aug. 15, 2017. It includes extinguishers that had been previously recalled as well.

Residents should immediately contact Kidde to request a free replacement fire extinguisher and for instructions on returning the recalled unit, as it may not work properly in a fire emergency. Note: This recall includes fire extinguisher models that were previously recalled in March 2009 and February 2015.

Kidde branded fire extinguishers included in these previously announced recalls should also be replaced. All affected model numbers are listed online at www.kidde.com and click on “Product Safety Recall” for more information. You can also call 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.

If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact the Hinsdale Fire Department at (630) 789-7060 or fire@villageofhinsdale.org

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