



March 2011: CPSC Product Recalls and Related – News Part One of Two

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The March 2011 Consumer Product Safety Commission's (CPSC's) recall list includes a number of products posing fire, burn and shock hazards to the public. Other items can create choking, strangulation, laceration, entrapment and fall risks to consumers.

Our firm regularly reviews these lists to help our readers avoid purchasing or using any dangerous products. Everyone should avoid making major new purchases or accepting goods from others before checking out each item's safety record.

Part One of our March 2011 review focuses primarily on products posing fire, burn and shock risks to consumers. Part Two looks at items that can create choking, strangulation, fall, crash, entrapment and laceration risks. It concludes with several CPSC news updates.

Products Posing Fire, Burn and Shock Hazards

- **Milestone AV Technologies LLC**, of Savage, Minnesota, has agreed to recall close to 2,500 **Sanus Elements Surge Protectors** due to faulty grounding of the case and insufficient circuit breaker insulation that can create electrical shock risks for consumers.
- **Maruyama U.S. Inc.**, of Denton, Texas, is cooperating with both Health Canada and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission by voluntarily recalling about **18,000** U.S. gasoline-powered **Backpack Blowers** and **Mister Dusters** since their gasoline tanks can start leaking fuel and pose fire risks to those using them or located nearby. (About **750** of these same two devices are being recalled in Canada).

- **Sunjoy Industries Group Limited**, of Steubenville, Ohio, has agreed to recall about **20,000 Outdoor Wood Burning Fireplaces** sold only by Lowe's Stores in the United States. (About 400 of these same products are being recalled in Canada.) A bronze powder finish on these chimneys can catch fire while they're in use, creating a fire hazard for everyone in the vicinity.
- **Global Equipment Company**, of Port Washington, New York, *dba Global Industrial*, is voluntarily recalling close to **5,000 Global Workbench Power Risers, Power Aprons and Power Shelves**. Due to improper wiring, there's a danger that "reverse polarity" in some of these products' power cords might create electric shock risks for consumers.
- **IKEA Home Furnishings**, of Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, is working with both Health Canada and the U. S. CPSC in recalling about **94,000 FÖRSTÅ Coffee/Tea Makers** in the U. S. (Thirty-four Thousand of these coffee/tea makers are being recalled in Canada). A glass portion of these products can break, creating laceration and burn risks for consumers.
- **The Land of Nod**, of Northbrook, Illinois, has agreed to recall close to **9,700 "Camp Nod" Lantern Nightlights** due to an electrical short in the nightlights' wiring. This short can create fire and shock hazards for those using the nightlights.
- **Burlington Coat Factory**, of Burlington, New Jersey, has agreed to recall approximately **7,460 Slow Cookers**. Parts in the control panels of these slow cookers can overheat and even melt, creating fire risks for those using them.

Part Two of this March 2011 CPSC recall review looks at items posing choking, strangulation, fall, crash and laceration risks to consumers. *Readers interested in reviewing the entire March 2011 CPSC product recall list can visit the following link:*

<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prerelmar11.html?tab=recalls>

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