



Recalled Fireplace Products and Accessories

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Now that fall and winter are returning, many of us will soon be lighting up our home fireplaces again. Yet before we have our chimneys professionally cleaned and serviced, we need to make sure that we're stocking up on safe fireplace products and not purchasing (or reusing) any recently recalled items.

Readers may want to review the following list of recalled items so that no one will accidentally expose family members or friends to any unnecessary dangers when fireplaces are relit during the upcoming colder months.

All of the following products were recalled in either 2011 or 2010. *(Press release links are provided for each of these recalled items. They contain the names of the companies that recalled these products. Affected consumers can contact them about any and all remedies that may still be available.)*

Avoid Using the Following Recalled Fireplace Products/Accessories

- In March of 2011, the U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issued four separate recalls on these types of products. The first one involved [Kingsman Fireplaces of Canada](#) which voluntarily recalled about 40 **Gas Fireplaces** due to defective ignitions that can cause each fireplace's propane gas to explode – and possibly shatter or break the glass fireplace doors (creating laceration risks for consumers). At least two damage reports were received regarding broken glass doors;
- The second March 2011 recall concerned [Southern Enterprises Inc. \(SEI\)](#), of Coppell, Texas. This company agreed to recall 6,000 **Colin Cowie Gel-Fuel Wood Fireplaces**. When these wall units are in use, some of their plastic mounting screws may become deformed and cause these fireplaces to fall down, creating general injury and fire risks for consumers. A significant number of injuries and damages were reported. (**Note:** All of these fireplaces were sold by The Home Shopping Network);

- The third March 2011 fireplace product recall involved [Sunjoy Industries Group Limited](#), of Steubenville, Ohio. Sunjoy voluntarily recalled about 20,000 **Outdoor Fireplaces** in the United States (and 400 units in Canada) because the bronze powder coat finishes on these fireplace chimneys can catch fire during use, creating hazardous conditions for users;
- The fourth and final March 2011 recall involved **Lennox Hearth Products LLC**, of Nashville, Tennessee. This company recalled approximately 3,200 **Lennox Shadowdance Natural Gas Log Set Burner Assemblies** because cracks can develop in their gas valve connections, making it possible for natural gas to leak out while these units are being used, creating **carbon monoxide poisoning** risks for consumers;
- In April of 2010, [Agio International Company](#) of Hong Kong voluntarily agreed to recall about 5,800 **Patio Glow Outdoor Gas Fire Columns** because they can pose fire risks to consumers when connections in the columns leak gas;
- In March of 2010, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission had to issue three more press releases for fireplace-related products. The first one involved [Lennox Hearth Products](#) of Nashville, Tennessee. This company recalled close to 5,700 **Superior VFGL Vent-Free Gas Log Sets** and **VF Vent-Free Fireplaces** because when their parts malfunction, gas can escape, creating fire and explosion risks for users;
- The second March 2010 recall concerned [Simpson Dura-Vent Inc.](#), of Vacaville, California. This company agreed to recall about 500 **DuraTech Anchor Plates with Dampers** and **DuraChimney II Anchor Plates with Dampers** because their defective parts can possibly expose consumers to **carbon monoxide poisoning**;
- The third and final March 2010 recall of a fireplace-related product involved [Dimplex North America](#), of Ontario, Canada. This company recalled about 700,000 **Remote Control Kits for Electric Fireplaces and Stoves** because these plug-in wall units can overheat, creating fire and burn risks for users.

We hope this list of recently recalled fireplace products will help you enjoy a safer and more relaxed winter season this year with your friends and family members.

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