

Recalled Computers and Related Equipment Posing Injury Risks

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Since many of us need to remain very active on our computers, it's important to avoid using **potentially harmful equipment**. Far too many computer products pose fire, burn and shock hazards to consumers. You simply cannot fully protect yourself by just turning off a machine that's been running for a long period of time. In order to help consumers avoid using harmful computer equipment, our firm recently reviewed the U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's (CPSC's) list of computer-related equipment recalled during the past five years. We then created the following list of computers and related goods that should help our readers avoid using any potentially dangerous equipment. We hope you'll share this list with others in your home or office.

Recalled Computers and Related Parts Posing Fire, Burn or Shock Risks

- **Acer** recalled **Notebook Computers** in January of 2010;
- **Laptop Power Adaptor** were recalled by **Comarco** in April of 2010;
- **HP** expanded its recall of **specific Notebook Computer Batteries** in May of 2010;
- **Sony** recalled its **VAIO Laptop Computers** in June of 2010;
- **Toshiba** recalled its **T Series Notebook Computers** in September of 2010;
- **Acer America Corp.** recalled **Desktop Computers** in March of 2009;
- **HP** recalled **notebook computer batteries** in May of 2009;
- **Sony** recalled **Computer AC Adapters** in October of 2009;
- **Lenovo** recalled **ThinkPad Notebook PC Extended-Life batteries** in March of 2007;

- In April of 2007, **Acer America Corporation** recalled **Notebook Computer batteries**;

This recall was updated and revised in July of 2008—***Actual fires led to this recall***;

- **Oki Data Americas** recalled **Digital Color Printers** in October of 2007;
- **Toshiba** recalled **Notebook Computer batteries** in August of 2007;
- **Sony** recalled **Notebook Computer batteries** in October of 2006 ***due to actual fires***;
- **Lenovo** and **IBM** recalled **ThinkPad Notebook Computer batteries** in September of 2006;
- **Apple** recalled **batteries** sold in earlier **iBook** and **PowerBook Computers** in August of 2006;
- **Dell** recalled **Notebook Computer batteries** in August of 2006;
- Specifically identified **Lexar JumpDrive Computer Storage Devices** were recalled in July of 2006; and
- **HP** recalled **Notebook Computer batteries** in April of 2006.

Once you've made sure that you aren't using any of the recalled products named above, we suggest that you start reviewing the CPSC's list of recalled computers and related equipment about every six months. That way, you can minimize the chances that you'll ever be harmed by any hazardous equipment.

Should you ever discover that you are using a recalled computer product, be sure to contact the manufacturer immediately to see what type of remedy may be available. *(Readers interested in reviewing all of the specific CPSC recalls issued for the items listed above can visit the following link to the CPSC Web site: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cgi-bin/prod.aspx> Be sure to search under "computer equipment.")*

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