



California State Fire Marshal Information Bulletin

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STATEWIDE CONSUMER ALERT

Kidde Recall to Replace Fire Extinguishers Due to Failure to Operate

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission in cooperation with Walter Kidde Portable Equipment Inc., of Mebane, N.C. has issued a voluntary recall of about 167,000 Kidde XL Fire Extinguishers.

This recall involves the Kidde XL Fire Extinguishers with model numbers FX340SC, FX340H, FX340GW, XL5MR, FX210R, FX340SC-2, FX210W, XL2.5TCZ-4, XL2.5TCZ-3, XL5TCZ-1, E-340-3 and with manufacture dates between September 2007 and April 2008. "Kidde" and the model number can be found on the label on the front of the extinguisher. The manufacture year is on the bottom of the extinguisher. If your extinguisher is one of the listed model numbers and is marked with the year 07 or 08, contact Kidde to determine if you have a recalled extinguisher.

Sold by: Department, home, and hardware stores nationwide from October 2007 through April 2008, costing approximately \$35.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately inspect the pressure gauge. If it points to the red zone, contact Kidde to receive a free replacement extinguisher. If the gauge is not in the red zone, but you have questions about an extinguisher within the listed model numbers, please contact Kidde for additional information.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Kidde at (888) 345-4407 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit the firm's Web site at www.Kidde.com

If you have further questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Fire Extinguisher Program Coordinator James Parsegian at james.parsegian@fire.ca.gov or (916) 445-8415.

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