

Kidde Fire Extinguisher Recall

38 million fire extinguishers are being recalled after the death from a car fire.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission said that the 37.8 million fire extinguishers sold in the U.S. 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 per the CPSC.

CPSC said a death happened in 2014 after emergency responders could not get the recalled Kidde fire extinguishers to work on a car fire.

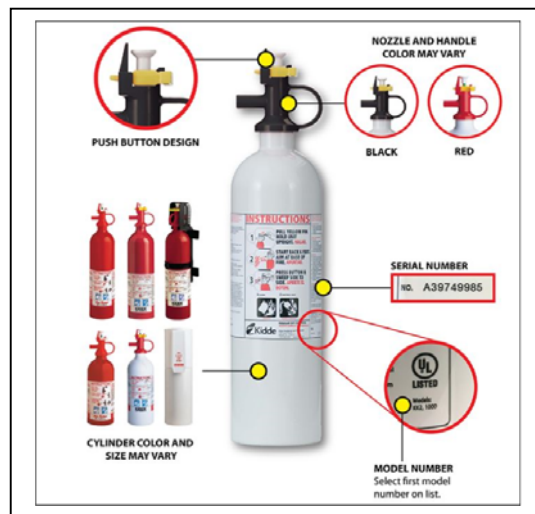
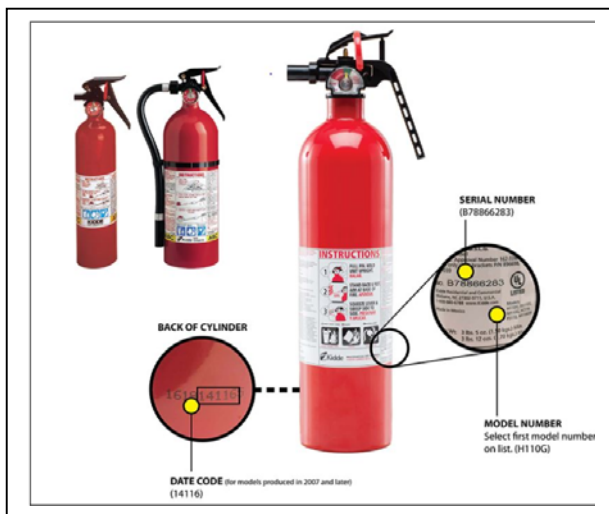
“There have been approximately 391 reports of failed or limited activation or nozzle detachment, including the fatality, approximately 16 injuries, including smoke inhalation and minor burns, and approximately 91 reports of property damage.” said the CPSC.

The extinguishers were sold at Menards, Montgomery Ward, Sears, Home Depot, Walmart and other stores nationwide. Many are used on commercial trucks, recreational vehicles, personal watercraft and boats.

CPSC said the recall involves two styles of Kidde fire extinguishers; plastic handle fire extinguishers and push-button Pindicator fire extinguishers. The recall involves 134 models manufactured between January 1, 1973 and August 15, 2017. Kidde said the extinguishers were sold in red, white and silver, and are either ABC or BC rated.

CPSC said to contact Kidde immediately to request a free replacement fire extinguisher and for instructions on returning the recalled unit.

Kidde can be contacted toll free at 855-271-0773 from 8:30 am to 5 pm ET Monday thru Friday, 9 am to 3 pm ET Saturday and Sunday, or online at www.kidde.com (<http://kidde.com/home-safety/en/us/>) and click on “Product Safety Recall” for more information.



Below is the link to see the full list of affected fire extinguishers. The recall number is 18-022.

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/kidde-recalls-fire-extinguishers-with-plastic-handles-due-to-failure-to-discharge-and#>