

Fire Extinguishers Recalled

Kidde, a fire safety manufacturer, is recalling nearly 38 million fire extinguishers used in homes, vehicles, and boats because they can clog and fail to deploy. The recall was issued November 2, 2017 and affects 134 models of Kidde fire extinguishers manufactured between January 1, 1973 and August 15, 2017. Both plastic handle and push-button models are part of the recall.

In 2014, the company received a report of a death related to a fire extinguisher malfunctioning during a car fire. So far, there have been 16 reported injuries, 91 reports of property damage, and 391 reports of the fire extinguishers not working properly or not working at all. Reports indicate that the plastic handle or push button may break when force is applied.

The recalled fire extinguishers were sold nationwide at department, hardware, and home improvement stores as well as online retailers for \$12 to \$200 and come in red, silver, and white. They were also sold with some commercial and recreational vehicles as well as boats and personal watercraft. Because of the large number of extinguishers involved in the recall, all fire extinguishers should be checked.

If Your Extinguisher is Recalled

If you have one of the recalled units, contact Kidde for a free replacement. A form is available on their website that asks for your name, address, and the model number, date code, and serial number of the extinguisher to be replaced. No receipt is necessary.

If you have more than six recalled fire extinguishers, contact Kidde at 855 271 0773 for information on how to receive replacement units. Once Kidde receives your information, they will ship replacement fire extinguishers to you in 10 to 15 business days along with information on returning the defective models.

Models Recalled

A complete list of recalled models can be found at <https://inmarmarketaction.com/kidde/Kidde-284US>. To check if you have one of the recalled models, locate the brand and model number along with the date code printed on the body of the fire extinguisher. See the following image to see where this information is located.



What This Means for Counties

Check the manufacturer, model, date code, and serial number on all fire extinguishers located in county buildings and vehicles to see if they are part of the recall. If they have been recalled, contact Kidde for replacements. Remember that the fire-retardant chemicals in fire extinguishers become less effective over time, so this is a good opportunity to check that all county fire extinguishers are up-to-date and in working order. For more information about the recall or fire safety, contact CTSI at 303 861 0507. 