

Safety Alert Bulletin

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The Holmes Group Recalls Oil Filled Electric Heaters Due to Fire Hazard

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Name of product: Holmes(r) Oil-Filled Electric Heaters

Units: About 300,000

Distributor: The Holmes Group, of Milford, Mass.

Manufactured in: China

Hazard: A poor electrical connection within the heater can lead to overheating. This poses fire and thermal burn hazards.

Incidents/Injuries: The Holmes Group has received reports of 59 incidents involving the recalled heaters. There were 12 reports of minor injuries including four reported burns. There were 36 reports of property damage including four fires that caused between \$41,000 and \$200,000 in damage.

Description: The recall involves Holmes oil-filled electric heaters with model number HOH2505 and HOH2520. The model number and "Holmes(r)" are printed on the side of the unit near the bottom.

Sold at: Discount department stores, hardware stores and other retailers from September 2005 through February 2007 for between \$40 and \$50.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled heaters and contact the Holmes Group to receive a free replacement heater.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact The Holmes Group at (800) 306-2471 anytime, or visit the firm's Web site at:

<http://www.holmesoilfilledheaterrecall.com>

To see this release on CPSC's web site, please go to:

<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml07/07168.html>



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