

# *Safety Alert Bulletin*

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## **Berko Electric Toe-Space Heaters Recalled 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 Products:** Toe-Space Electric Heaters

**Units:** About 84,000

**Manufacturer:** Berko Electric, of Peru, Ind., now known as Marley Engineered Products, of Bennettsville, S.C.

**Hazard:** If the fan stops working and the heater continues to run, the unit can overheat, posing a fire hazard.

**Incidents/Injuries:** Marley has received 29 reports of fires resulting in property damage. No injuries have been reported.

**Description:** The recall involves electric, toe-space heaters typically installed in kitchens and bathrooms at floor level in the recessed space under cabinets. The recall includes Berko Electric catalog numbers TS, TS-1 and TS-1A and Emerson Electric "Chromalox Comfort Heating" and "Environmental Products" catalog number KSH2000. The heater is controlled by a wall thermostat or a thermostat mounted on the front of the heater. The heater has a removable, black metal grille that measures 23 1/2 -inches wide and 3 1/2 -inches tall with five sets of openings, each with seven horizontal louvers.

**Sold by:** Berko Electric wholesale distributors nationwide from 1972 through February 1985 and Emerson Electric wholesale distributors from 1980 through February 1985 for between \$70 and \$170.

**Manufactured in:** United States

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately turn off the heater at the thermostat and, if possible, at the home's circuit breaker or fuse. Consumers should contact Marley to determine if they have a recalled heater and for further instructions.

**Consumer Contact:** For additional information, call Marley at (800) 642-4328 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at [www.berkomep.com/ts.htm](http://www.berkomep.com/ts.htm)

To see this recall on CPSC's web site, including pictures of the recalled products, please go to:  
<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prere/phtml07/07298.html>



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