

Safety Alert Bulletin

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Fire Hazard with Oscillating Heater Sold in Wal-Mart Prompts Recall

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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: Maxi-Heat(tm) Dream Tower Heater

Units: About 75,000

Distributor: King of Fans Inc., of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Hazard: The wires inside the oscillating heater can short circuit and spark, posing a fire hazard to consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: King of Fans has received 31 reports of heaters smoking or sparking, and one report of a house fire. There have been no reports of injuries.

Description: The recalled model is CH920. The ceramic portable electric heaters are the oscillating tower type. They are grey and have a control panel attached to the top of the unit. "Maxi-Heat(tm)" is printed on the control panel. The model number is printed on the ETL label on the bottom of the back side of the unit.

Sold at: Wal-Mart stores nationwide from August 2005 through December 2005 for about \$40.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using these heaters and unplug them. Return the recalled heaters to a Wal-Mart store for a full refund.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact King of Fans toll-free at (866) 443-1291 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. E.T., Monday through Friday, or visit the company's Web site at:

<http://www.kingoffans.com>

To view this recall online, please visit our website at:

<https://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerec/prhtml06/06075.html>



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