

Safety Alert Bulletin

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Agio International Recalls Outdoor Gas Fire Pits 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: Outdoor Gas Fire Pits

Units: About 22,000

Distributor: Agio International, of Hong Kong.

Manufactured in: China

Hazard: If the regulator hose for the propane cylinder contacts the burner during use, the hose can rupture, presenting a risk of a fire outside of the unit.

Incidents/Injuries: Agio has received eight reports of hoses rupturing, including three reports of fire. Two of these fires resulted in minor damage to decks. No injuries have been reported.

Description: The fire pit is an outdoor gas fire pit with a surrounding housing that serves as a table. The fire pits were sold in various shapes and sizes, including oval, hexagonal, round and octagonal. They have various style table tops, including real and faux marble, slate, ceramic or stone. The bases of the fire pits have various styles, including mountain stone, field stone, flag stone, cobblestone, stucco, brick and wicker. The model number 98500 or 98500A is printed on the top of the label on the side of the sliding drawer holding the propane tank, or, on some models, on the back of the hinged door that lifts up to get to the propane tank.

Sold at: Costco, BJ's, Home Depot Expo Design Center, Lowe's and other stores nationwide, and by various on-line retailers, from September 2005 through July 2006 for between \$400 and \$1,400. Units sold by Costco were included as part of a five-piece furniture grouping.

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the fire pits immediately, and contact Agio to receive a free repair, which consists of a tie that will keep the regulator hose from contacting the burner, and instructions.

Consumer Contact: For more information, contact Agio-USA, the recall coordinator, at (800) 598-6532 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at:

<http://www.agio-usa.com>

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