

Fire department announces recall of electrically powered Kidde combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms

Caledon Fire and Emergency Services is advising the public that Health Canada has issued a recall which involves the Kidde NightHawk talking combo smoke/CO Alarm KN-COSM-IBCA and KN-COSM-ICA models with manufacture dates between June 1, 2004 and March 2011.

The alarms are hard-wired into a home's electric power.

The alarms are white, round and measure about five to six inches in diameter. "Kidde" is engraved on the front of the alarm. "Kidde," the model number and manufacture dates are printed on a label on the back of the alarm. Model KN-COSM-IBCA has a compartment on the back for the installation of a replaceable 9V backup battery, while model KN-COSM-ICA does not have a battery backup.

Hazard Identified

The alarm can fail to continue to chirp when it reaches its seven-year end of life if the batteries are replaced or, for the model without a battery backup, if power is removed and then restored to the alarm. This could lead consumers to believe it is still working, which poses a risk to consumers not being alerted to a fire or carbon monoxide incident in their home.

What you should do

Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled alarms and contact Kidde directly for a free replacement alarm based on date of manufacture or a discount on a new alarm.

For additional information, consumers should contact Kidde Canada toll-free at 1-855-239-0490 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or go to the website at <http://healthycanadians.gc.ca/recall-alert-rappel-avis/hc-sc/2016/60990r-eng.php> and click on "Product Alerts."

With a simple push of the button, Caledon Fire and Emergency Services would like to remind all residents to check that they have working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms on every level of their home.