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Electric Heaters Sold at Walmart Recalled Due to Fire Danger

Concord, NH – Walmart is voluntarily recalling some electric heaters in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) because of reports of malfunction, resulting in overheating, smoking, burning, melting and fire. The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is asking residents to check if they have the heaters identified and heed Walmarts request to return them to one of their stores for a refund.

Walmart has received 21 reports of incidents, 11 of which involved property damage beyond the heater. Injuries were reported in four cases. The recall involves Flow Pro, Airtech, Aloha Breeze, and Comfort Essential 1500-watt heaters. They are gray with a metal handle on the top. The model number is 1013, which can be found on the back panel.

"This situation should be taken seriously because of the potential for injury, fire, and property damage," said Dr. José Montero, Director of Public Health at DHHS. "We are urging residents to check their electric heaters, contact the company, and stop using any recalled items immediately."

Walmart is asking customers with the heaters to return them to the store for a full refund. For additional information, contact Walmart toll free at 1-800-925-6278 between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. central time, Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's website at www.walmart.com. For more information about this and other product recalls, visit the CPSC website at www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prerel.html.