

# FIRE EXTINGUISHER



An American company is recalling 37.8 million fire extinguishers in the U.S. and 2.7 million in Canada, warning the units may not work properly in an emergency.

Consumers are being advised to look out for two styles of fire extinguishers made by Kidde: those with plastic handles and those with a push-button Pindicator.

The recall involves more than 140 models of Kidde fire extinguishers manufactured between 1973 and

Aug. 15, 2017, including models that were previously recalled in 2009 and 2015. To view the models affected, visit the Canadian Government's, [Healthy Canadians](http://www.healthycanadians.gc.ca) website.

The recalled extinguishers can become clogged or require excessive force to discharge and can fail to activate during a fire emergency, the safety commission's website says. In addition, the nozzle can detach with enough force to pose an impact hazard.

There have been 391 reports of failed or limited activation or nozzle detachment, including one death involving a car fire in 2014.

Anyone with a fire extinguisher identified in this recall should contact Kidde to request a free replacement fire extinguisher and for instructions on returning the recalled unit. (please do not return affected unit to the retailer)

Kidde can be reached toll-free at 855-271-0773 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET Saturday and Sunday, or online at [www.kidde.com](http://www.kidde.com). Click on "Product Safety Recall" for more information.

