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Viking Range Corporation Recalls Built-In Refrigerators Due to Injury Hazard; Doors Can Detach

Toronto, ON – The Electrical Safety Authority is notifying the public that Viking Range Corporation has announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately.

Name of Product: Viking Built-In Side-by-Side Refrigerator/Freezer Units and Refrigerators with Bottom Freezers.

Units: Approximately 1,798 of the recalled products were sold in Canada.

Manufacturer: Viking Range Corp. of Greenwood, Mississippi.

Hazard: The refrigerator’s doors can detach, posing an injury hazard to consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: Viking has received a total of around 57 reports of doors detaching, including four reports of injuries involving bruises, broken toes/fingers, and strains. Several incidents of minor damage to floors and counters have also been reported.

Description/Models: This recall involves built-in side-by-side refrigerator/freezer units and built-in refrigerators with bottom freezer manufactured by Viking Range Corporation. The units are available in stainless steel, various colours, and wood finishes, and are built in to the kitchen cabinetry. The word "Viking" is written on the front of each unit.

The side-by-side refrigerator/freezer is approximately 122 cm (48 inches) wide and the refrigerator with a bottom freezer is approximately 91cm (36 inches) wide.

The recalled units can be identified by the following model numbers and date codes. The date code is the first 6 numbers of the serial number. Both the model number and serial number can be found either behind the produce drawer or on the inside ceiling of the refrigerator.

Model Numbers Starting With:	Date Codes
VCSB481, VCSB482, DDSB482, DFSB482,	All units

DTSB482, DDBB362, VCBB360, VCBB362, DFBB362, DTBB362, DTBB363	
VCSB483, DDSB483, DFSB483, DTSB483	Date codes before 030104
VCSB483D, DDSB483D, DFSB483D	Date codes before 030105
VCBB363	Date codes before 111605
DDBB363	Date codes before 112305
DFBB363	Date codes before 041006

The first six numbers in the serial number are the manufacture date of the unit in [mm][dd][yy] format; For example, serial number 051903G0000000375 was manufactured on May 19, 2003 and serial number F01250210170 was manufactured on January 25, 2002.

Units that are 42 inches (107 cm) wide or are free-standing are not included in this recall.

Sold by: Appliance and specialty retailers nationwide for between \$4,725 and \$6,400.

When was distributed: From July 1999 through April 2006.

Manufactured in: United States of America

Remedy: Consumers are advised to contact Viking to schedule a free in-home repair.

Consumer Contact: For more information, consumers may contact Viking toll-free at 1-888-345-2650 from 8AM to 5PM ET Monday through Friday or visit the firm's website www.vikingrange.com.

Remarks: The recalled units are certified to Canadian Standards by Underwriters Laboratories. For more information about Underwriters Laboratories product certification process please visit: www.UL.com.

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VIKING RANGE CORP GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI 38930	LISTED HOUSEHOLD REFRIGERATOR 35NN	
MODEL/MODELE NUMBER/NUMERO	5.00 oz R134a	UL
SERIAL/SERIE NUMBER/NUMERO	115 VAC/60 HZ	
	AMPS: 9.9	UL
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