

CPSC, DURACRAFT ANNOUNCE RECALL OF HUMIDIFIERS

Washington, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Duracraft Corp. of Southborough, Mass., is recalling about 1 million humidifiers. The humidifiers can overheat, posing a fire hazard.

Duracraft has received approximately 85 reports of these humidifiers overheating and catching on fire or producing smoke. There are no confirmed reports of injuries or deaths, but there have been reports of minor and major property damage.

Duracraft Model DH-901 through DH-904 humidifiers with date codes that fall within the range of 900101 to 941231 and all model DH-3001 through DH-3006 humidifiers are involved in this recall. The model number and if applicable, date code are located on a sticker on the bottom of each humidifier's base. These humidifiers have a rectangular shape.

Each humidifier includes a rectangular water tank ranging in size from 1 to 4 gallons. The tank is located next to the mist chamber which has an attached control panel. "Duracraft" is written on the front of the unit.

Major retail stores nationwide sold the humidifiers from January 1991 through June 1996 for about \$40 - \$80. Consumers should use these humidifiers immediately and call Duracraft toll-free at (800) 290-8495 anytime to receive a free replacement part to repair the Model DH-901 through DH-904 humidifiers or to receive a replacement unit for a model DH-3001 through DH-3006 humidifiers. Consumers can also write to Duracraft at 250 Turnpike Road, Southborough, MA 01772.