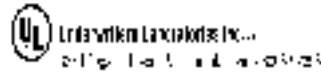


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**UL Warns U.S. and Canadian Consumers and Retailers
About Potential Hazards Associated with Certain Nightlights Made in China**

NORTHBROOK, ILL., AUGUST 11, 1998 -- The safety experts at Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) are notifying consumers and retailers in both the United States and Canada that certain nightlights with neon lamps manufactured in China and sold under various names may present a serious shock or fire hazard. These products do not comply with UL's safety requirements for such devices and carry unauthorized holographic UL Marks for the United States and Canada (C-UL) on the packaging.

UL's evaluation of sample nightlights indicates that the decorative plastic enclosures of these products may easily come apart, exposing live, electrical parts carrying 120 volts of electricity. These neon lamp nightlights have been observed in the form of a green dragon, a pink cow and a white and pink crab, and may also be available in other shapes and figures.

The nightlights can be identified by the following markings on the inner face of the product: "NIGHT LIGHT;" "3H53;" "WT;" "60Hz;" "LISTED E144970;" "MADE IN CHINA;" "125 VOLT;" and "MAX15WATT." The UL Mark may also appear on the inner face.

Consumers who believe they have these nightlights should immediately turn off the power to the outlet in which they are plugged in (shut off the circuit breaker) and carefully remove the product from the outlet. If the power is not turned off, attempting to remove the nightlight from the receptacle may cause the cover to separate and expose the live, electrical parts to the user.

While its investigation into these products is not yet complete, UL encourages consumers to immediately discontinue use of these products and return them to the place of purchase.

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