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Idea Village Recalls Wireless Light Switches Due to Fire Hazard

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Name of Product: Handy Switch, Wireless Light Switches

Units: About 1.3 million

Distributor: Idea Village Products Corp., of Wayne (formerly of Fairfield), N.J.

Hazard: The light switch receiver, which fits into the wall outlet, can overheat and pose a fire hazard to consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: The firm has received 14 reports of overheating, including nine reports of fire, five of which involved property damage such as minor damage to curtains, bedding or walls.

Description and Model: The Handy Switch is a white plastic wireless remote light switch with model number KS-080 printed on the back of the receiver. On the front of the receiver is a blue electroluminescent nightlight.

Sold at: Mass merchandisers and drug store chains nationwide, through television infomercials and the Internet from March 2007 through July 2009 for between \$10 and \$15.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should immediately unplug and stop using the product and contact IdeaVillage to learn about free remedy options.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Idea Village toll-free at (888) 655-4339 between 5 am and 6 pm PT Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at www.handyswitchrecall.com

Firm's Media Contact: David Epstein at (800) 765-2994



CPSC is still interested in receiving incident or injury reports that are either directly related to this product recall or involve a different hazard with the same product. Please tell us about it by visiting <https://www.cpsc.gov/cgibin/incident.aspx>

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of serious injury or death from thousands of types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. The CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard. The CPSC's work to ensure the safety of consumer products - such as toys, cribs, power tools, cigarette lighters, and household chemicals - contributed significantly to the decline in the rate of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products over the past 30 years.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's Hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (301) 595-7054. To join a CPSC e-mail subscription list, please go to <https://www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx>. Consumers can obtain recall and general safety information by logging on to CPSC's Web site at www.cpsc.gov.

