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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** VBCOA Members  
VPMIA Members

**FROM:** Clinton Wallace, State Building Codes Administrator  
Division of Building and Fire Regulation

**DATE:** August 3, 2009

**RE:** Kidde Recalls Dual Sensor Smoke Alarms Due to Failure to Warn of a Fire #09-266 – Manufactured Homes

The Department of Housing and Community Development has become aware that the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has announced a voluntary recall of Kidde smoke alarms due to the possibility of the alarm failing to warn of a fire. According to the attached CPSC notice, this recall involves Kidde Model PI2000 Dual Sensor Smoke Alarms. An electrostatic discharge can damage the unit, causing it not to warn consumers of a fire.

**Based on the description of the problems provided by CPSC, these products would meet the criteria of a Serious Defect or Imminent Safety Hazard [24 CFR 3282,7 (P) and (ff)] if they have been installed in manufactured housing units.** Pursuant to 24 CFR Section 3282.366(a), the Department is requesting your assistance. Please provide copies of the attached notices to your manufactured housing clients and ask that they identify all homes containing these products. The results of your investigation should be reported to our office within thirty (30) days of the date of this memo. In the event of a class of homes, you are reminded that the IPIA shall concur in the method used to determine the class of potentially affected manufactured homes or shall state why it finds the method to be appropriate, inadequate, or incorrect [24 CFR 3282,366 (b)].

Should you have any questions regarding this matter or your responsibilities under the Regulations, please contact me at (804) 371-7160 or by email at [Clinton.Wallace@DHCD.Virginia.gov](mailto:Clinton.Wallace@DHCD.Virginia.gov).

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# NEWS from CPSC

## U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

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**Firm's Recall Hotline: (877) 524-2086**

CPSC Recall Hotline: (800) 638-2772

CPSC Media Contact: (301) 504-7908

### Kidde Recalls Dual Sensor Smoke Alarms; Can Fail to Warn of a Fire

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:** Kidde Model PI2000 Dual Sensor Smoke Alarms

**Units:** About 94,000

**Manufacturer:** Walter Kidde Portable Equipment Inc., of Mebane, N.C.

**Hazard:** An electrostatic discharge can damage the unit, causing it not to warn consumers of a fire.

**Incidents/Injuries:** The firm has received two reported incidents of smoke alarm malfunctions involving electrostatic discharge during installation. No injuries have been reported.

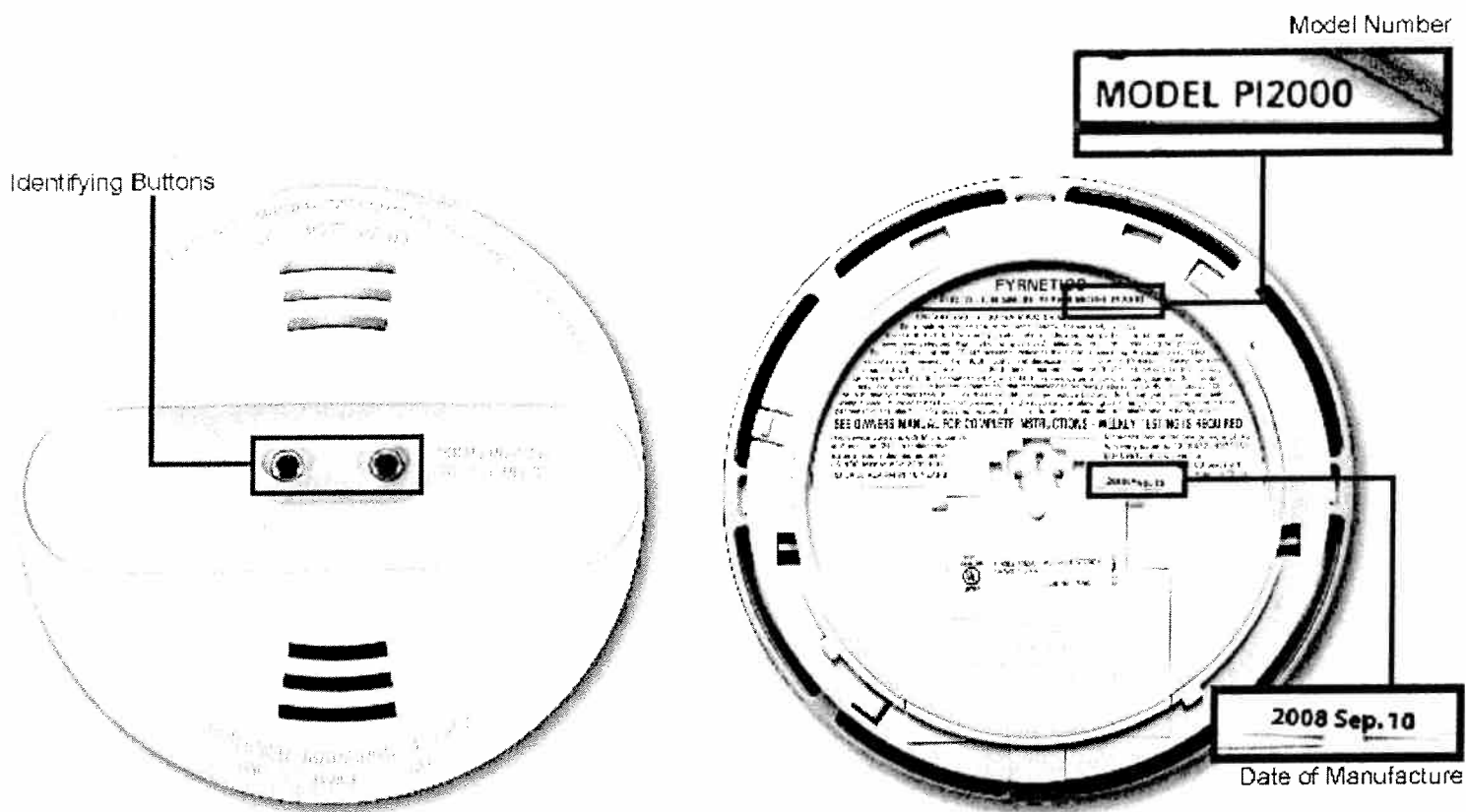
**Description:** This recall involves Kidde dual sensor smoke alarms model PI2000. The alarms can be identified by two buttons, "HUSH" and "PUSH AND HOLD TO TEST WEEKLY," which are located on the front/center of the alarm. The model number and date code are on the back of the smoke alarm. Only date codes 2008 Aug.01 through 2009 May 04 are included in this recall.

**Sold at:** Retail, department, and hardware stores and through electrical distributors nationwide from August 2008 through May 2009 for between \$30 and \$40.

**Manufactured in:** China

**Remedy:** Consumers should contact Kidde immediately to receive a free replacement smoke alarm.

**Consumer Contact:** For additional information, contact Kidde toll-free at (877) 524-2086 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at [www.kidde.com](http://www.kidde.com)



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>

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Send the link for this page to a friend! 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 (800) 638-8270. 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](http://www.cpsc.gov).