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Sterno Recalls Tea Lights Due to Fire and Burn Hazard

The following product safety recall was voluntarily conducted by the firm in cooperation with the CPSC. Consumers should stop using the product immediately unless otherwise instructed. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

Name of Product: 5 Hour Tea Lights

Units: About 10,000 cases

Distributed by: The Sterno Group LLC, of Des Plaines, Ill.

Hazard: The tea light wax can overheat resulting in the wax catching fire, posing a burn and fire hazard.

Incidents/Injuries: Sterno has received several reports of the flame from the tea lights catching the wax on fire. No reports of injuries have been received.

Description: The recall involves Sterno Bulk Pack 5 Hour Tea Lights, item numbers 505TL and 505S. The tea lights are standard sized, white wax tea light candles contained in small aluminum cups with no additional identification markings. The tea lights were sold in cases containing 500 tealight candles. Each case contains 10 boxes with 50 individual tea light candles. This recall only involves tea lights with codes ranging from 11060 to 11151 which can be found printed on both the outside of the case and on the back of the box of 50.

Sold through: Food service distributors and other restaurant supply stores nationwide from April 2011 through October 2011 for between \$36 to \$50 per case. The recalled tea lights were not sold to retail consumers.

Manufactured in: Thailand

Remedy: Stop using these candles immediately and return any unused candles to the place of purchase for a full refund. Food service distributors and restaurant supply stores have been directly notified about this recall by mail.

Contact: For additional information, contact Sterno toll-free at (877) 478-3766 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday or visit the firm's website at www.sterno.com



The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (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 your experience with the product on www.saferproducts.gov

CPSC is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death associated with the use of the thousands of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. Deaths, injuries, and property damage from consumer product incidents cost the nation more than \$900 billion annually. CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard. CPSC's work to ensure the safety of consumer products - such as toys, cribs, power tools, cigarette lighters, and household chemicals - contributed to a decline in the rate of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products over the past 30 years.

Under federal law, it is illegal to attempt to sell or resell this or any other recalled product.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, go online to: www.saferproducts.gov, call CPSC's Hotline at (800) 638-2772 or teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270 for the hearing impaired. Consumers can obtain this news release and product safety information at www.cpsc.gov. To join a free e-mail subscription list, please go to <https://www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx>.