

**State of New Jersey
Department of Human Services
Office of Licensing**

ADVISORY

**TO: Agency Executive Directors
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RE: Recalled Smoke Alarms

DATE: July 20, 2009

The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with Walter Kidde Portable Equipment, Inc., announced a recall of Kidde Model PI2000 Dual Sensor Smoke Alarms. An electrostatic discharge can damage the unit, causing it to fail to warn occupants of a fire. Free replacements for all recalled alarms may be obtained from the manufacturer by calling the Kidde Replacement Center toll-free at 877-524-2086.

All programs licensed by the Department of Human Services are required to examine all smoke alarms in all program sites, including all licensed residential sites, to determine whether or not they are subject to the recall. All recalled alarms must be replaced, either by obtaining a free replacement from the manufacturer or purchasing a replacement alarm elsewhere. Do not remove recalled alarms until an operable replacement is installed.

To assist you in determining whether you have any alarms subject to the recall, a copy of information provided by the manufacturer is enclosed. This information is also available on the manufacturer's web site at www.kidde.com and the Office of Licensing web site at www.state.nj.us/humanservices/oof/home/index.html.

You must complete the enclosed Provider Certification form and return it within 30 days. Each agency must send one form covering all program sites. Please mail or fax the form to:

**Office of Licensing
Department of Human Services
PO Box 707
Trenton, NJ 08625-0707
FAX (609) 584-1990**

Thank you for your prompt cooperation. If you have any questions, or if you are not sure what is required of you, please call the Office of Licensing at (609) 631-7907.

Sincerely,

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