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Child Welfare Licensing Memo 2017-39-Lic

To: Private Child Placing Agencies  
Residential Care Center Providers  
Group Home Providers  
Shelter Care Facilities  
Child Placing Agency Directors

From: Ron Hermes  
Bureau Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Hermes".

RE: Kidde Fire Extinguishers

The purpose of this memo is to inform licensed providers that a major recall has been issued for Kidde fire extinguishers.

Recall No. 18-022, which was effective November 2, 2017, involves 134 models of Kidde fire extinguishers manufactured between January 1, 1973 and August 15, 2017 including models that were previously recalled in March 2009, <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2009/kidde-recalls-to-replace-fire-extinguishers-due-to-failure-to-operate> and February 2015, <https://www.cpsc.gov/recalls/2015/kidde-recalls-disposable-plastic-fire-extinguishers/>. The extinguishers were sold in red, white and silver, and are either ABC- or BC-rated. The model number is printed on the fire extinguisher label. For units produced in 2007 and beyond, the date of manufacture is a 10-digit date code printed on the side of the cylinder, near the bottom. Digits five through nine represent the day and year of manufacture in DDDYY format. Date codes for recalled models manufactured from January 2, 2012 through August 15, 2017 are 00212 through 22717. For units produced before 2007, a date code is not printed on the fire extinguisher.

Further information, including the effected models, is available on Kidde's website:  
<https://www.kidde.com/home-safety/en/us/> .

Kidde is offering free replacements to anyone who owns one or more of the recalled units. To claim a replacement, check the brand name and model number of your fire extinguisher against the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) recall notice at:

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/kidde-recalls-fire-extinguishers-with-plastic-handles-due-to-failure-to-discharge-and#.Wfr3FggcNkQ>

All providers should examine all of their fire extinguishers **immediately** and request the replacement fire extinguisher if needed. Providers should call Kidde to request a replacement

fire extinguisher at 855-271-0773 or visit the Kidde website where you can fill out a form to get a new unit.

Kidde will send a new fire extinguisher within 10-15 business days.

If you have additional questions, please contact your licensing specialist directly.

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