

Last week, Kidde recalled about 40 million fire extinguishers made between 1973 and 2017 because many have failed to work when needed. They may become clogged or fail to activate.

At least one death has been reported due to the faulty extinguishers, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. CPSC said the firm is aware of a death in 2014 involving a car fire after a crash. Emergency workers could not get the recalled Kidde fire extinguishers to work. There have been about 391 reports of failed or limited activation or nozzle detachment, resulting in the fatality, 16 injuries and 91 reports of property damage, CPSC said.

Participants of the Healthy Neighborhoods Program in Tompkins County, which distributes about 300 fire extinguishers a year, may have received one of the recalled fire extinguishers during a home visit, the Tompkins County Health Department said.

Two styles of Kidde fire extinguishers are being recalled: ones with a plastic handle and push-button Pindicator fire extinguishers. Hundreds of models in total are being

"The recall 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 and February 2015. 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."