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Space Heater Safety: Make Sure Yours Hasn't Been Recalled

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Check your space heater to make sure it's not one of 2.5 million recently recalled.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has recalled almost 2.5 million faulty space heaters throughout the year. And now that the weather outside is growing frightful, the commission wants you to make sure yours isn't one that can short out, overheat, smoke, burn, melt, and otherwise cause house fires (<http://www.houselogic.com/home-advice/emergency-preparedness/extinguish-your-chance-house-fire/>).

Recently recalled heaters (<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prereel/prhtml12/12065.html>) include:

- Walmart's Flow Pro, Airtech, Aloha Breeze & Comfort Essentials heaters
- Meijer Touch Point Oscillating Ceramic heaters
- Lasko portable electric heaters
- Honeywell electric baseboard and fan heater thermostats
- GE Zoneline air conditioners and heaters

You may be able to return a recalled product to the store you purchased it at or to the manufacturer. Or call the Consumer Product Safety Commission recall hotline at 800-638-2772.

Find more info on these recalled products at Saferproducts.gov (<http://www.saferproducts.gov>).

Which rooms do you use your space heater in?

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13,000 Tankless Water Heaters Recalled

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Carbon monoxide poisoning threat prompts recall of certain tankless water heaters.

Even though tankless water heaters

(<http://www.houselogic.com/home-advice/water-heaters/tankless-water-heater-right-you/>) are a great way to save on water and energy costs, it appears some models are not without problems.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has issued a voluntary recall of about 13,000 Navien instantaneous or tankless water heaters, manufactured by a South Korean company. The water heaters contain an unstable connection that can cause the water heater's vent collar to detach and cause carbon monoxide poisoning.

The water heaters are white with "T-Creator" and "NAVIEN" on the front.

To get further information about model numbers and actions to take, visit the CPSC site (<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml12/12074.html>), or call Navien at (800) 244-8202.

And while we're talking about ways your home can kill you (<http://www.houselogic.com/home-advice/preventative-home-maintenance/prevent-deadly-home-accidents/>), every home should have a carbon monoxide alarm outside sleeping areas.

Have you switched to a tankless water heater? How has it worked out for you?