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CPSC, Research Products Corp. Announce Recall of Electronic Air Cleaners

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the manufacturer named below, today announced voluntary recalls of the following consumer product. Consumers should immediately turn off or unplug the air cleaner. (To access color photos of the following recalled products, see CPSC's Web site at www.cpsc.gov.)

Product: Aprilaire Electronic Air Cleaners **Units:** About 67,000

Manufacturer: Research Products Corp., Madison, Wis.

Hazard: The air cleaner's plastic inner housing and filter are not flame-resistant. If electrical arcing occurs in the cleaner, a fire can develop. This poses a risk of burn injuries and property damage.

Incidents/Injuries: Research Products has received six reports of fires involving these air cleaners. No injuries were reported.

Description: The recall involves all Aprilaire Model 5000 Electronic Air Cleaners. The air cleaners are almond colored, and located near the heating and cooling equipment. An identification label on the access door reads "Aprilaire Model 5000."

Sold by: Independent HVAC dealers nationwide from June 2000 through December 2004 for an installed price of about \$800.

Manufactured in: United States

Remedy: Consumers should immediately turn off the unit or unplug it. Consumers also should contact Research Products Corp. to receive a free repair kit containing the flame-retardant inner housing and filter.

Consumer Contact: For more information, call Research Products Corp. toll-free at (888) 742-2401 between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday. Consumers also can visit the firm's Web site at www.aprilaire.com.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of serious injury or death from more than 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. Deaths, injuries and property damage from consumer product incidents cost the nation more than \$700 billion annually. The CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard. The CPSC's work to ensure the safety of consumer products - such as toys, cribs, power tools, cigarette lighters, and household chemicals - contributed significantly to the 30 percent decline in the rate of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products over the past 30 years.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270 or visit CPSC's Web site at www.cpsc.gov/talk.html. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's Web site at www.cpsc.gov.

To contact us:

Phone: 1-888-742-2401
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1-888-742-2401, or email us at model5000@aprilaire.com



Please provide us with your name, street address, city, state, zip code, phone number and number of Model 5000 Air Cleaners installed in your home. Replacement kits will be sent directly to you within 5 working days.

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