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CPSC, A. O. Smith Recall of Water Heaters

WASHINGTON, D. C. - The U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Name of Product: 75-Gallon Propane Gas Water Heaters

Units: About 5,000

Manufacturer: A. O. Smith Water Products Co., of Ashland City, Tenn.

Hazard: The water heaters can accumulate soot on the burners, posing a fire hazard.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported.

Description: The recall involves 75-gallon propane gas water heaters. The heaters have the name "A. O. Smith," "Reliance," "Apollo," "State," or "Maytag" on the side of the unit. The model number is located on the rating plate. Only units with the model numbers listed below and manufactured between January 2004 and July 2005 are included in the recall.

| Brand Name | Model Number |
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| Reliance | 675CRRS 675CRRSD S7576PE |
| Apollo | A675CQRSL A675CRRSL A675CRRSLCGAD |
| A. O. Smith | BT-80-271 FCG-75-271 PCG-75-271 |
| Maytag State | HRP11275Q GS675CRRS GS675CRRSD SBS7576PE SBS7576PED SBS7576PECGA SBS7576PECGAD |

If your unit has one of the model numbers listed above, locate the serial number on the rating plate to determine if it was manufactured between January 2004 and July 2005. The serial numbers of units manufactured between January 2004 and July 2005 are listed below.

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| Month/Date of Manufacture: | Serial Number Begins With: |
| Jan-04 | MA04 or AA04 or A04 |

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| Feb-04 | MB04 or AB04 or B04 |
| Mar-04 | MC04 or AC04 or C04 |
| Apr-04 | MD04 or AD04 or D04 |
| May-04 | ME04 or AE04 or E04 |
| Jun-04 | MF04 or AF04 or F04 |
| Jul -04 | G04 |
| Aug-04 | H04 |
| Sep-04 | J04 |
| Oct-04 | K04 |
| Nov-04 | L04 |
| Dec-04 | M04 |
| Jan-05 | A05 |
| Feb-05 | B05 |
| Mar-05 | C05 |
| Apr-05 | D05 |
| May-05 | E05 |
| Jun-05 | F05 |
| Jul -05 | G05 |

Installed by: Independent contractors and plumbers nationwide from January 2004 through July 2005 for between \$460 and \$1,130.

Manufactured in: United States

Remedy: Contact A. O. Smith to arrange for installation of free repair.

Consumer Contact: Contact A.O. Smith toll-free at (866) 880-4661 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday or visit www.hotwater.com

To view this recall online, please visit our website at:
<https://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml/06/06002.html>