

RECALL ROUND-UP

The West Virginia Attorney General's Office, the West Virginia State Fire Marshal's Office, the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and West Virginia fire departments are launching a "recall round-up" to rid homes of unsafe products.

Despite recall notices and warnings, consumers continue to use products that have the potential to seriously injure or kill, according to CPSC. The CPSC unveiled a list of many common hazardous consumer products and urged consumers to use the list to check their homes and destroy or fix unsafe products.

"These products have previously received substantial attention because they were recalled or addressed by safety standards. But they continue to be used each year, leading to deaths, injuries and property damage," said Attorney General McGraw. "These products may be in any home. They may be sold at yard sales or donated to charity or thrift shops. Some of them can be fixed, but most simply need to be destroyed," he said.

"We don't want to see deaths or serious injuries caused by previously recalled products or products that don't meet current safety standards. We want to prevent these needless tragedies. Through recalls, safety standards and consumer information, the CPSC helps make American homes safer by taking hazardous products off the market and identifying those products that need to be fixed to be safe," added Attorney General McGraw.

Consumers can get the current list of dangerous products, as well as register to receive automatic announcements of all future CPSC recalls, at the agency's website at www.cpsc.gov.

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