

## KIDDE FIRE EXTINGUISHER RECALL 18-022

An urgent USCG Marine Safety Alert has been issued to recall 134 different models of Kidde brand fire extinguishers manufactured between 1 January 1973 and 16 August 2017. These extinguishers were sold in red, white and silver cylinder colors and are rated either AB or ABC.

These extinguishers have plastic handles. They can become clogged or require excessive force to discharge and can fail to activate during a fire emergency. In addition, the nozzle can detach with enough force to pose an impact hazard.

There are two styles of fire extinguisher included in the recall: certain plastic handle fire extinguishers and push-button Pindicator fire extinguishers.

If the extinguisher has a gauge, the first thing to look for is a vertically oriented pull pin that is either fixed with two connectors or hanging with a single connector. The other type of affected extinguisher is the push-button Pindicator design. These extinguishers have push buttons and a T-shaped pull pin and a loop handle. These units come in two sizes and are either red or white. All are encouraged to check the fire extinguishers aboard your vessels, and in your vehicles and homes to determine if they are subject to this recall.

More information online at [www.kidde.com](http://www.kidde.com) and click on "Product Safety Recall"

This information is brought to you by the Oriental Flotilla, U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. We meet the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm at Fire Station 19 on Straight Road. Our meetings are open and we encourage you to stop by and meet us. The U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is a volunteer service organization composed of men and women who actively support maritime safety and security missions as well as provide administrative and support services to the U. S. Coast Guard. To learn more about us or to schedule a free vessel safety check go to our website [www.orientalaux.com](http://www.orientalaux.com).