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### Kennedy International Recalls Folding Step Stools Due to Fall Hazard

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and Health Canada, 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. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

**Name of Product:** Folding Step Stools

**Units:** About 1.6 million in the United States and 64,000 in Canada

**Importer:** Kennedy International Inc., of Dayton, N.J.

**Hazard:** The folding step stools can break or collapse unexpectedly when in use, posing a fall hazard to consumers.

**Incidents/Injuries:** Kennedy International is aware of at least 15 reports of incidents involving step stools cracking or breaking, including three reports of injuries to consumers using the stools. Injuries included two reports of back injuries and one report of a fractured leg.

**Description:** This recall involves 9-inch and 13-inch Kennedy International folding step stools. The step stools are plastic and have a handle for carrying the stools when they are folded. The style number is 3575 for the 9-inch and 3576 for the 13-inch step stools. The style number is printed on a sticker on one of the legs of the stool. "Kennedy Home Collection" is also printed on a label on some of the stools. They were sold in the following colors: blue, green, gray, red, purple, pink, orange, turquoise, aqua, white, plum, orchid, emerald, sapphire, sangria, ocean, sage, fuchsia, lime and various color combinations.

**Sold at:** HomeGoods, Marshalls, TJ Maxx and other retailers nationwide from January 2010 through January 2012 for between \$8 and \$12.

**Manufactured in:** China

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled step stools and contact Kennedy International to receive a full refund.

**Consumer Contact:** For additional information, contact Kennedy International toll-free at (855) 270-8301 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit the firm's website at [www.kennedy-intl.com](http://www.kennedy-intl.com)

**Note:** Health Canada's press release is available at [http://cpsr-rspc.hc-sc.gc.ca/PR-RP/recall-retrait-eng.jsp?re\\_id=1586](http://cpsr-rspc.hc-sc.gc.ca/PR-RP/recall-retrait-eng.jsp?re_id=1586)



**Kennedy International 13-inch step stools**



**Kennedy International 9-inch step stools**

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The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is still interested in receiving incident or injury reports that are either directly related to this product recall or involve a different hazard with the same product. Please tell us about your experience with the product on [SaferProducts.gov](http://www.saferproducts.gov)

CPSC is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death associated with the use of the thousands of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. Deaths, injuries, and property damage from consumer product incidents cost the nation more than \$900 billion annually. CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard. CPSC's work to ensure the safety of consumer products - such as toys, cribs, power tools,

cigarette lighters, and household chemicals - contributed to a decline in the rate of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products over the past 30 years.

Under federal law, it is illegal to attempt to sell or resell this or any other recalled product.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, go online to: [SaferProducts.gov](http://SaferProducts.gov), call CPSC's Hotline at (800) 638-2772 or teletypewriter at (301) 595-7054 for the hearing and speech impaired. Consumers can obtain this news release and product safety information at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov). To join a free e-mail subscription list, please go to [www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx](http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx).



**Information needed to process refund.**

Please email the following information

First name, Last name, Address, City, State, Zip, Email

Where did you purchase the stool?

Email this information to [customerservicesupport@kennedy-intl.com](mailto:customerservicesupport@kennedy-intl.com) and we will contact you.