

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

OMEGA BRAND FIRE SPRINKLERS MANUFACTURED BY CENTRAL SPRINKLER CO.

Central Sprinkler Company ("Central") and the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission previously announced a settlement involving the recall and replacement of approximately 8.4 million Omega brand fire sprinklers manufactured since 1982 by Central. Omega fire sprinklers are installed in homes, offices, hospitals, schools and other buildings around the country.

OMEGA FIRE SPRINKLERS COULD LIKELY FAIL IN A FIRE, WHICH COULD RESULT IN BODILY INJURY OR DEATH.

IDENTIFYING SPRINKLERS

Numerous models of the Omega fire sprinklers are involved. On most models, consumers will be able to see one to three flat round metal disks stacked one above the other with a small space between each disk. However, because it may be difficult to determine whether Omegas are installed, consumers are encouraged to call the toll free number below for product identification or contact their architect, builder, sprinkler contractor, plumber, homeowners' association or property manager to determine if Omegas are installed in their residence or facility.

Building owners and consumers are urged to take immediate action and call the Omega information line to learn more about the recall, how to identify Omega sprinklers, obtain a Proof of Claim form, and obtain further information.

SPRINKLER REPLACEMENTS

For consumers to get replacement sprinklers and any reimbursement towards installation costs, they must submit the Proof of Claim and Release Forms to Central postmarked by August 1, 1999. Consumers submitting Proof of Claim and Release Forms postmarked after August 1, 1999 but before November 1, 2001 still qualify to receive replacement sprinklers (though not reimbursement).

Until free replacement sprinklers are provided, consumers need to protect themselves against fire, have working smoke detectors and have adequate escape plans.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION,

CALL: 1-800-896-5685

OR WRITE: PO BOX 1555; FARIBAULT, MN 55021-1555

OR VISIT: <http://www.omegarecall.com>