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PUBLIC WARNED OF A RECALL ON FIREX CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS AND COMBINATION SMOKE ALARM/CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

Toronto, ON – May 23, 2008 – The Office of the Fire Marshal, Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services and the Building and Development Branch of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing are asking Ontario residents to check their Firex carbon monoxide and combination carbon monoxide/smoke alarms after the Maple Chase Company issued a voluntary recall.

Sold under the Firex brand, a malfunctioning component in certain carbon monoxide alarms and combination carbon monoxide/smoke alarm devices can cause the alarms to go into a “double chirp” fault mode in the presence of carbon monoxide prior to the unit going into full alarm mode. According to the Owner’s Manual, the device must be taken out of service when this fault is present and cannot be reset. Although no incidents have been reported relating to the hazard, it puts consumers at risk of injury or death.

Owners of the alarms identified below should contact Maple Chase immediately at 1-888-879-3906 to receive a free comparable replacement alarm and make arrangements to return their affected alarm(s).

Affected Models:

This recall involves Firex branded 10000 and 12000 series alarms with item numbers:

10000	12200
12000	12220
12000C	12400
12000-6	12400C

The alarms were manufactured between June 1, 2007 and February 1, 2008. 16,000 were sold in Ontario.

Customers affected by this notice or with questions are strongly encouraged to contact Maple Chase by phone at 1-888-879-3906 or visit their website, www.firexsafety.com/stepone.aspx for more information.

The public is reminded that it is the law to have a working smoke alarm on every storey of their home and outside all sleeping areas. Working smoke alarms provide early detection of fire and can give people the precious seconds needed to escape.

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