



U.S. Coast Guard Safety Alert



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Emergency Escape Hood Recall

Recently the U.S. Coast Guard has learned that Brookdale International Systems, Inc. is voluntarily recalling all EVAC-U8 and EVAC+ emergency escape smoke hoods currently in the marketplace worldwide that have not reached their expiration date. Additionally, a recall is in effect for several Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) emergency escape respirator models.

All Brookdale products are not U.S. Coast Guard approved. However, these products may be found onboard various types of vessels worldwide. The company reports that recent tests have confirmed that the emergency smoke hoods could fail to work properly and expose the user to harmful carbon monoxide compromising the wearer's ability to escape the fire threat.

The U.S. Coast Guard **strongly recommends** that all vessel owners and operators who have this equipment onboard their vessels follow the recommendations on the attached recall poster and at the company website <http://www.evacsafety.com>



Questions or comments regarding this safety alert may be addressed to Mr. Ken Olsen of the U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters Office of Investigations and Analysis at 202.267.1417 or kolsen@comdt.uscg.mil.

This safety alert is provided for informational purposes only and does not relieve any domestic or international, safety, operational or material requirement.

SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

Brookdale International Systems Inc. EVAC-U8™ and EVAC+™ Emergency Escape Smoke Hoods

The emergency smoke hoods could fail to work properly, exposing the user to harmful carbon monoxide which could seriously compromise their ability to escape the fire threat



Consumers should stop using these products immediately.

For detailed instructions on how to receive a pro-rated refund, visit the Brookdale website at

www.evacsafety.com

or call the Brookdale Recall Hotline at
866-823-4416

between 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.(ET),
Monday through Friday and from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday
and Sunday.

This recall is being conducted in cooperation with the
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).