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### **Idea Village Recalls Wireless Light Switches Due to Fire Hazard**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 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.

**Name of Product:** Handy Switch, Wireless Light Switches

**Units:** About 1.3 million

**Distributor:** Idea Village Products Corp., of Wayne (formerly of Fairfield), N.J.

**Hazard:** The light switch receiver, which fits into the wall outlet, can overheat and pose a fire hazard to consumers.

**Incidents/Injuries:** The firm has received 14 reports of overheating, including nine reports of fire, five of which involved property damage such as minor damage to curtains, bedding or walls.

**Description and Model:** The Handy Switch is a white plastic wireless remote light switch with model number KS-080 printed on the back of the receiver. On the front of the receiver is a blue electroluminescent nightlight.

**Sold at:** Mass merchandisers and drug store chains nationwide, through television infomercials and the Internet from March 2007 through July 2009 for between \$10 and \$15.

**Manufactured in:** China

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately unplug and stop using the product and contact IdeaVillage to learn about free remedy options.

**Consumer Contact:** For additional information, contact Idea Village toll-free at (888) 655-4339 between 5 am and 6 pm PT Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at [www.handyswitchrecall.com](http://www.handyswitchrecall.com).

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