

MEALANE CORPORATION

URGENT NOTICE TO STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL: OLD "STAR" BRAND FIRE SPRINKLERS

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Dear State Nursing Home Licensing Authority:

In cooperation with the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Mealane Corporation, formerly known as Star Sprinkler Corporation based in Philadelphia, PA, is recalling "Star" brand D-1, RD-1, RE-1, E-1, and ME-1 fire sprinkler models made between 1961 and 1976. **These fire sprinklers may not operate properly in a fire, thereby placing residents and property at risk.**

The Star D-1, RD-1, RE-1, E-1 and ME-1 produced from 1961 to 1976 have been widely used in nursing homes and other health care facilities across the country. The sprinklers are used in "dry-type" sprinkler systems only. This recall does not involve any "Star" product other than the five models mentioned above, and it is not related to the recent recall of "Omega" brand fire sprinklers. The Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Health Care Organizations is actively supporting the recall in conjunction with the CPSC.

We are utilizing advertising and direct mail notices to health care facilities in your state to inform them about the recall. However, we encourage you to spread the word about this recall among them and contractors, reinforce its importance, and urge facilities to identify and remove any Star D-1, RD-1, RE-1, E-1, and ME-1 fire sprinklers made between 1961 and 1976 that are still in service. Pictures and diagrams of the models are enclosed. You may also view photos of them on the web at www.star-recall.com or call 1-800-866-7807 for assistance.

If nursing care facilities do, in fact, have these sprinklers in service, they should complete the enclosed Notice of Claim form. Forms should be returned via mail or fax, the address below. Mealane Corporation is offering consumers and property owners free, listed replacement sprinklers and reimbursement of removal and replacement labor costs when approved in advance.

For further information or questions, please refer to our recall web site at www.star-recall.com, call the Star Sprinkler Recall Hotline at 1-800-866-7807, or write to:

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