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## SAFETY RECALL! Certain Ansul Extinguishers

Ansul is recalling certain K-Guard Wet Chemical and Sentry Water Fire Extinguishers as of November 7, 2006.

There are about 100,000 extinguishers out in the market today. Problems were found to arise if the extinguisher is dropped from a height of 2 – 3 feet – the pick up tube may crack at the threads between the pick-up tube adapter and the stainless steel tube. If this pick-up tube is cracked, the extinguisher may fail to discharge properly.

No injuries were reported as of press date.

Model numbers for the below extinguishers can be found on the fire extinguisher labels. Affected models have the year 2004 or 2005 stamped on the hanger hook attachment on the shell.

Brand	Model	Part Number(s)
K-GUARD Wet Chemical	K01-1	430849 (UL) 430850 (ULC)
	K01-2	432843 (UL) 432848 (ULC)
SENTRY Water	W02-1	430847 (English) 430848 (Spanish/English)

For extinguishers manufactured in 2003, the following serial numbers listed on the extinguisher nameplate are affected:

### K-GUARD

AA 145501 thru AA 145750	AA 239001 thru AA 241000	AA 381501 thru AA 383500
AA 279001 thru AA 279500	AA 245001 thru AA 249000	AA 383501 thru AA 384500
AA 280501 thru AA 281000	AA thru 249001 AA 251000	AA 385001 thru AA 395000
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I hope you all had a wonderful holiday, and a happy New Year!

I, for one, had a GREAT holiday, and a quiet New Years. Which was fine by me, sometimes, sitting in your pj's watching Dick Clark is way better than going out and partying with noiseblowers and party hats. But I digress.

If you've been following the news lately in regards to the weather, you've noticed that NJ and the tri-state area over here in the Northeast has been experiencing some out of the ordinary warmer than normal weather. I'm not talking 70 degrees (sigh...) but the highs will often get up to 55 or 60, and we haven't seen a flake of snow as of yet. This is highly unusual.

Until yesterday. When it got to below 30 degrees at night. And for the first time since who knows when, I had to turn the heat on in my house before I went to sleep. And, OF COURSE, at 5 am the next morning, I realized the heat wasn't working.

So I trudged to the heating unit on the patio in my slippers (of course it's on the patio outside), freezing, kicked it a couple of times, cursed at it (it's 5 am, give me a break), and came to the highly scientific conclusion that the "#\$@\* is broken".

Luckily, we had a few space heaters around to keep the house heated. Now, before all you fire protection people get up in arms, we did NOT leave them on while we were sleeping, nor while we weren't home. The heaters were on when we got home, ate dinner, and waited for the repairman to come.

Eventually our heater did get fixed, and heat was restored relatively quickly, so the space heater wasn't on that long. It did get me thinking though, how often people might forget to turn the heater, coffeemaker, oven, etc. off. The number one cause of fires in homes during the winter months are space heaters. They should NEVER be left on without being unattended - treat it as a candle or fire - would you leave a candle burning all night?

## December 2006

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**15th** - Happy Hanukkah!

**22nd** - Winter Begins

**25th** - Merry Christmas!

**31st** - New Year's Eve

## Upcoming Events

## January 2007

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**1st** - Happy New Year!

**15th** - Martin Luther King

Day

**29th - 31st** - Fire &

Materials 2007 COnference  
Expo ([www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org))

## New Column!!

The Halon Herald is looking to feature several "war stories" of some of our readers' interesting experiences with halon or other clean agents.

Got a story to tell? [Click here](#) to email us some facts - We'll feature you in an upcoming Halon Herald!

AA 123501 thru AA 123996	AA 315501 thru AA 316000	AA 421001 thru AA 422000
AA 194001 thru AA 195250	AA 316001 thru AA 316443	AZ 704007 thru AZ 704250
AA 195251 thru AA 19550	AA 316501 thru AA 316964	A 960251 thru A 960493
AA 312001 thru AA 312500	AA 417001 thru AA 417500	AA 481501 thru AA 485000
AA 313501 thru AA 314500	AA 417501 thru AA 418500	AA 519001 thru AA 519500
AA 314501 thru AA 314919	AA 418501 thru AA 419500	AA 419501 thru AA 420000
AA 315001 thru AA 315413	AA 419501 thru AA 420000	

These extinguishers were sold from May 2003 to September 2003. For more information, please check Ansul's homepage, at [www.ansul.com](http://www.ansul.com). This article DOES NOT replace any press release provided by Ansul, and The Halon Herald urges you to, if you think you have one of these extinguishers, check Ansul's page directly before taking any action.

## Fire Protection is on Campus!

Kidde Fire Protection announced their new DYFI+ software's (a dynamic filtration system that uses advanced filtering algorithms that effectively recognize fires versus nonfires) incorporation on Great Britain's University of the Year, the University of Nottingham.

The DYFI+ is usually used in harsh marine climates, but this application has it protecting the prestigious Jubilee Campus, opened by the Queen herself, in an environmentally friendly manner. Jubilee Campus has received many awards, such as the Millenium Marque Award for Environmental Excellence, the British Construction Industry Building Project of the Year, the RIBA Journal Sustainability Award, and the Civic Trust Award for Sustainability.

Kidde is responsible for maintaining and updating the system, throughout further development plans for Jubilee Campus. Kudos to Kidde for protecting the campus!

## Trivia Time!

Congratulations to last month's winners!

There were actually FOUR, not two, mistakes in last month's newsletter. Were you paying attention...? This month's contest has to do with the best companies to work for.

- Name, IN ORDER, the top 3 companies to work for from Fortune's List.

Good luck! You have to name all 3, in order, to win. The first 2 people to email us at [thehalonherald@ushalonbank.com](mailto:thehalonherald@ushalonbank.com) will win! The winners will receive a \$50 American Express gift card. And remember, if you have won the trivia contest in the last 3 months, you are not eligible to enter. Start reading!

Without being preachy, I just want to remind everyone during these chilly months, to keep an eye on your heaters, appliances, etc. - year round - and keep fire extinguishers handy, just in case. Keep a broad range around water heaters and furnaces - despite what my husband might think - it is not acceptable to store your artificial Christmas tree in the utilities room. I'll sleep with that tree if I have to, if it means not keeping it near the furnace.

In an industry where we protect lives, it's great to make money - but not at the expense of a fire hazard or mistake. I'll leave you with a final thought: think warm, think safe, and check your heaters before you go to bed!

Happy Holidays!

## Upcoming Meetings!

Wesco's datebook is filling up with lots of meetings - written in ink - for the upcoming year. We hope that you will look at these meetings not only as a way to meet and greet Wesco, but also to learn more about the fire protection industry. Check out the links for the associations below - we hope to see you at some of the meetings!

Feb. 10 - 14, 2007  
Fire Suppression Systems Association (FSSA)  
St. Petersburg, FL  
[www.fssa.net](http://www.fssa.net)

March 1, 2007  
Halon Recycling Corp.(HRC)/Halon Alternatives Research Corp.(HARC)  
Washington, DC

March 8-9, 2007  
National Association of Fire Equipment Distributors (NAFED)  
Las Vegas, NV  
[www.nafed.org](http://www.nafed.org)

April 5-6, 2007  
NAFED  
Atlantic City, NJ  
[www.nafed.org](http://www.nafed.org)

May 11-12, 2007  
NAFED  
Indianapolis, IN  
[www.nafed.org](http://www.nafed.org)

June 3-7, 2007  
National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)  
Boston, MA  
[www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)

June 5, 2007  
Halon Recycling Corp.(HRC)/Halon Alternatives Research Corp.(HARC)  
Boston, MA

## Fire Suppression Technology Center Opens!

Ansul announced its state of the art new Fire Technology Center at its Marinette, WI headquarters on Oct. 5, 2006. The center helps Ansul's customers and employees learn more about new technologies in the fire suppression industry, while giving Ansul the opportunity to grow and expand in the industry.

Comprehensive fire protection training in the science and business aspects will take place at this center, which boasts classrooms, conference rooms, burn rooms, and a functional

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product display room. Hands on training lessons and demonstrations will take place at the center, and guests will have the opportunity to tour the center and learn about Ansul and the entire Tyco product line.

"The Fire Suppression Technology Center is an embodiment of our company's commitment to fostering excellence in the fire protection industry," said Dave Pelton, director of global marketing for Tyco Fire Suppression. "We see this as an investment in our staff and in the relationships we've built with our customers over the years. Above all else, we are in the business of protecting lives and this center will better enable people to do that."

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