

## **IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE**

### Brookdale Product Recall / Refund Announcement

Following our "Suspend Use" advisory of March 8, 2006, and in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), 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. These products were purchased to provide respiratory protection in a structural smoke/fire emergency.

Recent tests have confirmed that 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. Therefore, these products **SHOULD NOT BE USED**. The company is not aware of incidents where a user of these products was exposed to harmful levels of carbon monoxide.

Customers returning Brookdale smoke hoods will receive a prorated refund based on the remaining shelf life, as indicated by the expiration date printed (along with the serial number) on the side of each canister. Units that reached their expiry date prior to March 2006 are not eligible for refund. As set out in the user's manual, all expired units should be discarded. Brookdale does not anticipate having replacement products available in the near future.

Brookdale is working with a professional logistics service provider to implement this recall. The CPSC will be monitoring the effectiveness of the recall.

Specifics of the recall, including detailed instructions on returning these products for refund, are available on this Brookdale Web site or by calling the Brookdale Recall Hotline at 866-823-4416 between 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (ET), Monday through Friday. Products from U.S. and Canadian customers must be returned, with supporting documentation as outlined in these instructions, by June 16, 2006 to be eligible for a refund. Instructions for customers in other countries will be made available as soon as they are finalized.

A recall is also in effect for the following SCBA emergency escape respirators:

- EVACpro™ for Scott Emergency Escape Respirator
- EVACpro™ for Dräger Emergency Escape Respirator
- Survivair Smoke Eater™ Air-Purifying Escape Canister

Brookdale sincerely regrets any inconvenience created by this product recall. We are working diligently to rectify this situation in a safe, thorough and responsible manner. Our highest priority is the safety of our customers, and the steps we are taking are a demonstration of that commitment.

Yours truly,

Derrick Russell  
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