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## **Fiskars Brands Recalls SmartPower String Trimmers Due to Burn, Fire and Laceration Hazards**

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. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

**Name of products:** Fiskars® SmartPower™ String Trimmers

**Units:** About 2,200

**Importer:** Fiskars Brands, Inc., of Madison, Wis.

**Hazard:** Engine vibration during use of the trimmers can cause wear on the fuel line, leading to a propane fuel leak. The Straight Shaft Trimmers' propane canister can crack at the neck during use. In addition, high temperatures may develop near the Curved Shaft Trimmers' plastic cutting guard, causing the guard to deform and fall off. These issues pose burn, fire and laceration hazards to the user.

**Incidents/Injuries:** None reported.

**Description:** This recall involves the Fiskars® SmartPower™ Propane 4-Cycle Straight Shaft String Trimmer Model 67016935 and SmartPower™ Propane 4-Cycle Curved Shaft String Trimmer Model 67036946. Both trimmers use propane fuel. "SmartPower™" is printed on the lower shaft and near the pull-start handle. "Fiskars®" is printed on the engine cover and on the plastic cutting guard. The trimmers are black, silver and orange.

**Sold at:** The Exchange stores, also known as the Army and Air Force Exchange Service or AAFES, and online at Amazon.com, Walmart.com, Powerequipmentdirect.com and SureSource.com, from January 2011 to July 2011 for between \$220 and \$280.

**Manufactured in:** China

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled trimmers and contact Fiskars® to receive a full refund.

**Consumer Contact:** For additional information contact Fiskars Brands toll-free anytime 24 hours a day at (877) 495-6645, or visit the firm's website at [www.fiskars.com](http://www.fiskars.com).

**SmartPower™ Propane 4-Cycle Straight Shaft String Trimmer  
Model No. 67016935**



**SmartPower™ Propane 4-Cycle Curved Shaft String Trimmer  
Model No. 67036946**



The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is still interested in receiving incident or injury reports that are either directly related to this product recall or involve a different hazard with the same product. Please tell us about your experience with the product on [SaferProducts.gov](https://www.saferproducts.gov)

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CPSC is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death associated with the use of the thousands of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. Deaths, injuries, and property damage from consumer product incidents cost the nation more than \$900 billion annually. CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard. CPSC's work to ensure the safety of consumer products—such as toys, cribs, power tools, cigarette lighters, and household chemicals—contributed to a decline in the rate of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products over the past 30 years.

Under federal law, it is illegal to attempt to sell or resell this or any other recalled product.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, go online to: [SaferProducts.gov](https://www.saferproducts.gov), call CPSC's Hotline at (800) 638-2772 or teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270 for the hearing impaired. Consumers can obtain this news release and product safety information at [www.cpsc.gov](https://www.cpsc.gov). To join a free e-mail subscription list, please go to [www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx](https://www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx).

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