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### Elide Fire Extinguishing Balls

#### **CPSC Warns Consumers to Immediately Stop Using Elide Fire Extinguishing Balls Due to Failure to Extinguish Fires and Risk of Serious Injury or Death**

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is warning consumers about the risk of burns and smoke inhalation associated with the use of Elide brand fire extinguishing balls.



These products can fail to extinguish a fire, which could lead to serious injury and death. Specifically, the products can fail to effectively disperse fire retardant chemicals and fail to extinguish a fire. In addition, the products do not have a pressure gauge or pressure indicator, a locking device to reduce the risk of unintentional discharge, a self-closing valve for intermittent discharge, or a nozzle to direct the discharge. The

products fail to meet the requirements of UL 299 Dry Chemical Fire Extinguishers and UL 711 Rating and Fire Testing of Fire Extinguishers, which are the testing safety standards.

Elide Fire USA has not agreed to recall these fire extinguishing balls or offer a remedy to consumers.

Elide Fire USA sells three models of the fire extinguishing balls to consumers on [elidefireus.com](http://elidefireus.com). The ELB01 and ELB02-1 models are made of red plastic, with a diameter of either 4 or 6 inches and weigh either 1.5 or 3 pounds. The ELB02-2 model is made of blue plastic, with a diameter of 4 inches and a weight of 1.5 pounds. This warning includes all three models. The products also include a stand that can be mounted to the wall. The products have a label wrapped around the front of the product with the Elide Fire logo. Elide Fire USA sold the fire extinguishing balls for between \$95 and \$120.



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CPSC urges consumers not to purchase or sell these fire extinguishing balls.

Consumers should stop using and dispose of these products at either a local fire department or a hazardous waste disposal facility. Consumers should only purchase fire extinguishers that meet both the UL 299 and UL 711 safety standards and are marked with those certifications.

California has always required a product to be tested to the test standards described under Section 561.2 (Fire Test and Performance Standards) of Title 19, California Code of Regulations (CCR). According to the submitted data, the product is required to meet Underwriters Laboratory (UL) ANSI/UL 711 and Dry Chemical Types ANSI/UL 299. The submitted test report indicates that the product was not tested to the above-mentioned standards.

Additionally, the contents of Elide brand fire extinguishing device meet the definition of a pyrotechnic composition. We find that this product falls under the category of a pyrotechnic device. Therefore, since 2013, the Elide Fire Extinguisher Ball device has been illegal to order, to market, sell or distribute as a portable fire extinguisher device in California.