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CPSC, Shindaiwa Announce Recall Of Backpack Blowers And Chain Saws

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Shindaiwa Inc. of Tualatin, Ore., is announcing the recall of approximately 18,500 Shindaiwa model EB-45 backpack blowers, and 4,970 Shindaiwa model 300S chain saws. The tools' fuel tanks could leak, presenting a possible chemical burn or fire hazard. Shindaiwa is not aware of any injuries involving these products.

The red blower is mounted on a black metal backpack frame with shoulder straps, black blower tubes, and a white fuel tank with "Shindaiwa ... model number EB-45" printed in the center. The red chain saw has a gray guide bar and "model number 300S" printed on the pull-start housing.

Authorized Shindaiwa dealers nationwide sold these tools from April 1992 to June 1995. The backpack blowers sold for approximately \$430 each and the chain saw for approximately \$300 each.

Consumers who own the recalled backpack blowers or chain saws should stop using them immediately and return them to any authorized Shindaiwa servicing dealer. The backpack blower and chain saw will be fitted with a redesigned fuel tank at no charge. For more information, consumers should call Shindaiwa toll-free at (877) 986-7783.

Shindaiwa is conducting this recall to prevent the possibility of injury.

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 it by visiting <https://www.cpsc.gov/cgibin/incident.aspx>

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of serious injury or death from thousands of types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. The CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard. The CPSC's work to ensure the safety of consumer products - such as toys, cribs, power tools, cigarette lighters, and household chemicals - contributed significantly to the decline in the rate of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products over the past 30 years.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's Hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (301) 595-7054. To join a CPSC e-mail subscription list, please go to <https://www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx>. Consumers can obtain recall and general safety information by logging on to CPSC's Web site at www.cpsc.gov.