



Alabama Product Liability Lawyer Urges Consumers to Check for Latest CPSC Recalls

Are there dangerous and defective products in your home? One of the best ways to find out is by keeping updated on U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission recalls, Alabama product liability attorney Keith T. Belt says.

Birmingham, AL ([PRWEB](#)) February 15, 2011 -- In just the first two weeks of February, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission announced recalls of certain brands of vacuum cleaners, night lights, hooded jackets, fire alarms, space heaters, play sets and clothes irons – all of them carrying the potential to physically harm consumers or damage their property.

That's why it's important to regularly check on the CPSC's latest product recalls, [Alabama product liability lawyer](#) Keith T. Belt Jr. said this week.

“Every day, dangerous and defective products make it into American homes, exposing consumers to the risk of injury or property damage,” said Belt, the founding member of the Birmingham personal injury law firm, Belt Law Firm, P.C., which represents [defective product](#) victims throughout Alabama.

“Of course, the companies who make these hazardous or toxic products usually don't publicize the recall of a product the same way they do when they're trying to sell it to you,” Belt said. “You won't see a Super Bowl ad saying, ‘Our product can electrocute you.’”

“Generally, the best way to find out if you have purchased a defective product – in some cases, the only way – is to look it up on the [CPSC website](#). Consumers might be shocked to find out that there are products throughout their home that have been recalled because of a serious, dangerous defect.”

According to the CPSC, there are nearly 900,000 emergency room-treated injuries involving household appliances every year and nearly 400 deaths. Belt said that some of the most common product defects include wiring that causes burns or electrocution as well as moving parts and flawed safety guards that lead to cuts or, in the worst cases, amputations.

If a person has suffered bodily injury or property damage as the result of the same defect that triggered a product's recall, they may have grounds to file a product liability lawsuit, Belt said.

Under Alabama product liability law, the manufacturer, distributor and seller of the defective product may all be subject to liability, which could include paying damages for medical expenses, lost wages, pain and suffering or punitive damages, which are aimed at punishing and discouraging especially outrageous misconduct.

“If a consumer buys a product that's in an unreasonably unsafe condition, and they're injured while using that product in the way it was intended to be used, then they deserve to be fully compensated for their injury,” Belt said.

“However, product liability cases can be very complex, and a person will often be confronted by a large



corporation with vast resources. That's why it's important to consult with an experienced and qualified product liability attorney. When there have been several others who have been harmed in the same way after using a dangerous and defective product, it may allow for a class-action lawsuit to be pursued, which helps when you're trying to take on one of these big companies.”

About Belt Law Firm, P.C.

Belt Law Firm, P.C., is an [Alabama personal injury law firm](#) that represents the victims of dangerous and defective products throughout the communities of Birmingham, Bessemer, Cullman, Tuscaloosa, Jasper, Homewood, Jefferson County, Shelby County, Walker County, Blount County and Saint Clair County. Although the firm's focus is on regional litigation in Alabama, the firm's attorneys have also represented clients in Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Arkansas, Mississippi, Texas, New Mexico, Colorado and Delaware. To learn more, call the firm toll-free at (888) 933-1514 or use its [online form](#).

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