

MEALANE CORPORATION

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

OLD "STAR" BRAND DRY-TYPE FIRE SPRINKLERS

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Dear Executive Director of a Fire Protection Organization:

In cooperation with the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Mealane Corporation, formerly known as the Star Sprinkler Corporation based in Philadelphia, PA, is recalling "Star" brand D-1, RD-1, RE-1, E-1, and ME-1 fire sprinkler models made between 1961 and 1976. **These fire sprinklers may not operate properly in a fire, thereby placing residents and property at risk.**

The Star D-1, RD-1, RE-1, E-1 and ME-1 produced from 1961 to 1976 have been widely used in nursing homes and other health care facilities across the country. They may also be found in schools, warehouses, and supermarkets. The sprinklers are used in dry sprinkler systems only. Pictures and diagrams of the models are enclosed. You may also view photos of them on the web at www.star-recall.com. This recall does not involve any "Star" product other than the five models mentioned above, and it is not related to the recent recall of "Omega" brand fire sprinklers. The Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Health Care Organizations is actively supporting the recall in conjunction with the CPSC.

We are utilizing advertising and some direct mail, where possible, to inform property owners about the recall. However, in the interest of protecting public safety and preserving the good and responsible reputation of the fire sprinkler industry, we strongly encourage you to highlight the recall in your own publications or on your own web site or to establish a link with the recall web site above.

Mealane Corporation is offering consumers and property owners free, listed replacement sprinklers and reimbursement of removal and replacement labor costs when approved in advance.

For further information or questions, please have your members and constituents to refer to our recall web site at www.star-recall.com, call the Star Sprinkler Recall Hotline at 1-800-866-7807, or write to:

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