

MEALANE CORPORATION

RE: URGENT NOTICE TO ALL MEDICAL FACILITIES IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

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Dear Nursing Home Director:

In cooperation with the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission, (CPSC), Mealane Corporation, formerly known as 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 you, your residents, and your property at risk.**

Although the number of the five models under recall and presently in service across the country is unknown, these sprinklers have been widely used in nursing homes and other health care facilities. The sprinklers are used in "dry-type" sprinkler systems only. This recall does not involve any "Star" product other than the five models mentioned above, and it is distinct from the recent recall of "Omega" brand fire sprinklers. However, you are urged to identify these models and take corrective action. The Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Health Care Organizations is actively supporting the recall in conjunction with the CPSC.

You should immediately check your property's sprinkler system for the presence of Star D-1, RD-1, RE-1, E-1, and ME-1 fire sprinklers made between 1961 and 1976. The enclosed pictures may help you identify them. You may also view pictures of them on the web at www.star-recall.com or call 1-800-866-7807 for assistance. Your local sprinkler contractor or local fire marshal or authority having jurisdiction may also be able to determine whether your facility contains these sprinklers.

If you have any of these sprinkler heads in your facility, please complete the enclosed Notice of Claim form immediately and return the form, via mail or fax, to our firm. 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 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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