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On March 9, 2007, The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with Laars Heating Systems Company, announced a voluntary recall of the product listed below. Call Laars Service Department toll-free at (800) 900-9276 extension 4 between 7am and 4pm PST Monday through Friday to schedule a no-cost replacement of the affected part or email us your contact information at [service@laars.com](mailto:service@laars.com)

# Recall Alert

## U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

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Alert #07-5XX

### Laars Heating Systems Recalls Gas Boilers and Water Heaters Due to Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Hazard

*The following product safety recall was voluntarily conducted by the firm in cooperation with the CPSC. Consumers should stop using the product immediately unless otherwise instructed.*

**Name of Product:** Laars 9600 CB Condensing Boilers & 9600 HWG Condensing Water Heaters

**Units:** About 2,100

**Manufacturer:** Laars Heating Systems Co., of Rochester, N.H .

**Hazard:** Internal black plastic venting components in the gas boilers and water heaters can crack and leak flue gases, including carbon monoxide (CO), posing a risk of CO poisoning.

**Incidents/Injuries:** Laars has received three reports of cracked vent components. No injuries have been reported.

**Description:** This recall involves Laars 9600 CB Condensing Heating Boilers and Laars 9600 HWG Condensing Water Heaters with black vent pipe/tubing. The recalled boilers are used to generate hot water for heating systems including baseboards or radiant flooring. The recalled water heaters generate hot water for use in homes, such as showers, sinks and dishwashers. "Mark II" and "9600 CB" or "9600 HWG" are printed on the front of the boilers and water heaters. The model number and BTU size are printed on the right side of the unit. The recalled boiler and water heater exteriors are putty and black-colored or taupe and black-colored. Only the following models are included in this recall.

Model	Input (Btu/h)
<b>Gas Boilers:</b>	
CB 150	150,000
CB 175	175,000
CB 200	200,000
<b>Water Heaters:</b>	
HWG 150	150,000
HWG 175	175,000
HWG 200	200,000

**Sold at:** Plumbing and heating wholesalers and representatives nationwide from November 1998 through February 2007 for between \$6,500 and \$7,300.

**Manufactured in:** United States

**Remedy:** Consumers should contact Laars Heating Systems to help determine if their boiler or water heater needs to be shut off immediately and to schedule a free repair.

**Consumer Contact:** Contact Laars Service Department at (800) 900-9276, Extension 4, between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. PT Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at [www.Laars.com](http://www.Laars.com).



**Front of unit**



**Side of unit**



**Black Vent Pipe/Tubing**

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of serious injury or death from more than 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. Deaths, injuries and property damage from consumer product incidents cost the nation more than \$700 billion annually. 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 30 percent 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 (800) 638-8270 or visit CPSC's Web site at [www.cpsc.gov/talk.html](http://www.cpsc.gov/talk.html). Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's Web site at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov).

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