

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

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Brookdale International Systems Inc. issues suspend-use advisory for respiratory protective escape devices

Brookdale International Systems Inc. is advising owners and users of the company's respiratory protective escape devices (RPEDs) to suspend use of these products, pending further notice. These products are a one-time emergency use, personal safety device that provides quick, temporary protection from smoke in the event of a fire.

The decision to issue this suspend-use advisory is a precautionary step based on recent test results that raised questions about the products' catalytic conversion of carbon monoxide. This could present a risk of carbon monoxide inhalation to the end users. Brookdale is not aware of any incidents where a user of these products was exposed to harmful levels of carbon monoxide while using the device.

Brookdale is conducting a prompt and thorough investigation to address this situation. We have also informed the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, and are working with regulatory agencies in other regions where these products have been sold to address this issue.

Out of an abundance of caution, and based on these preliminary results, the company is strongly advising owners of these devices **TO NOT USE THE PRODUCTS**, pending further testing and analysis by Brookdale. Within 30 days, the company will further notify users about whether they should resume use of these devices, or whether the company will be taking correction action, and the nature of the action.

The products affected by these suspensions include:

- EVAC-U8™ Emergency Escape Smoke Hood
- EVAC+™ Emergency Escape Smoke Hood
- SmokeEater™ Emergency Escape Filter for Survivair SCBA
- EVACpro™ Emergency Escape Filter for Scott SCBA
- EVACpro™ Emergency Escape Filter for Draeger SCBA

The steps we are taking are a demonstration of our commitment to our customers, our products, and our company.

This is an interim announcement – further news will be forthcoming. If you have any questions, please contact Brookdale Customer Service at **604-324-3822**, Monday through Friday, 6:30am - 3:30pm Pacific Standard Time (PST).
