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Meijer Recalls Touch Point Fan Heaters Due to Fire, Shock Hazards

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

Name of Product: Forced Air Heater

Units: About 6,102

Importer/Retailer: Meijer Inc., of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Hazard: Exposed and unshielded electrical components can cause the heater to overheat and melt, posing fire and electrical shock hazards.

Incidents/Injuries: Meijer received one report of a unit's base burning, melting and damaging the carpet beneath it. No injuries have been reported.

Description: This recall involves Touch Point brand oscillating forced air fan heaters with model number HW-218 and date code 0811. The model number and date code are on a silver sticker on the bottom of the heater. Universal Product Code (UPC) 7-13733-30927-1 is on the bottom of the packaging. The heaters are white, 12 inches tall, 9 inches wide and 8 inches deep. They have two round control knobs and a red warning light on the top front, and a black on/off switch on the front base that controls the fan's oscillation. The words "Touch Point" appear on the right front of the heater's base.

Sold exclusively at: Meijer stores in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio from September 2011 through November 2011 for about \$20.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled heaters and return them to any Meijer store for a full refund.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Meijer at (800) 927-8699 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's website at www.meijer.com



The image shows the packaging for a Touchpoint Forced Air Heater. The product is a white, rounded rectangular device with a large black grille on the front. It has two control knobs on top: a larger one on the left and a smaller one on the right. A red power button is located between the knobs. The packaging is white with a red and yellow gradient at the bottom. The Touchpoint logo is in the top left. The product name 'Forced Air Heater' is in large, bold letters on the right. A list of features is provided with circular icons. A 'DIAL DOWN' energy-saving graphic is also present. At the bottom, there are two yellow circles with safety features and a note about indoor household use.

Touchpoint™

Forced Air Heater

- 1500 watt maximum
- High, low and fan only settings
- Adjustable thermostat

Save Energy!
DIAL DOWN
Only heat the room you're in!

Touchpoint™

OSCILLATING FUNCTION

OVERHEAT PROTECTION **AUTO SAFETY SHUT OFF**

For indoor household use only