

Information regarding nationwide recall of six lock boxes and one safe on California’s Roster of Firearm Safety Devices announced by U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

The Department of Justice recently became aware of a nationwide recall of seven firearm safety devices (FSDs)—specifically six lock boxes and one safe—that are on California’s Roster of Firearm Safety Devices (Roster).

The recall arises from the biometric lock’s “programming feature” on each FSD. Specifically, consumers “can believe they have properly programmed the biometric feature when in fact the [FSD] remains in the default open mode, which can allow unauthorized users, including children, to access the [FSD] to remove hazardous contents, including firearms.” Consumers are advised to “immediately stop using the biometric feature, remove the batteries from the [FSD], and only use the key for the recalled [FSDs] being used to store firearms.”

The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) announced the recall in a notice that can be found here: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2024/Fortress-Safe-Announces-Recall-of-Biometric-Gun-Safes-Due-to-Serious-Injury-Hazard-and-Risk-of-Death-One-Death-Reported>. According to the CPSC recall notice, there “have been 39 incidents of consumers reporting that their safes have been accessed by unpaired fingerprints” and there is a “recent lawsuit alleging a 12-year-old boy died from a firearm obtained from one of” the items included in the recall.

The CPSC recall notice lists nine items, seven of which are on the Roster. Listed below are the seven FSDs (six lock boxes and one safe) included in the recall that are on the Roster. Although the CPSC recall notice lists the manufacturer for these FSDs as “Fortress,” “Legend,” or “Cabela’s,” the manufacturer listed on the Roster for all seven FSDs is “Safewell Group Holdings.”

Model #	FSD Type on Roster	Manufacturer on Roster	Manufacturer in Recall Notice	Description in Recall Notice
44B10	Lock Box	Safewell Group Holdings	Fortress	Personal Safe with Pop Up Door and Biometric Lock
44B10L	Lock Box	Safewell Group Holdings	Legend	Range & Field Personal Safe with Pop up door and Biometric Lock
44B20	Lock Box	Safewell Group Holdings	Fortress	Medium Personal Safe with Biometric Lock
55B20	Lock Box	Safewell Group Holdings	Fortress	Quick Access Safe with Biometric Lock

55B30	Lock Box	Safewell Group Holdings	Fortress	Large Quick Access Safe with Biometric Lock
55B30BP	Lock Box	Safewell Group Holdings	Cabela's	Biometric Personal Safe
4BGGBP	Safe	Safewell Group Holdings	Cabela's	4 Gun Safe with Biometric Lock

Instructions on how to confirm whether your FSD is included in the recall and on how to obtain a replacement FSD from the manufacturer can be found here:

<https://www.fortresssafe.com/consumer-notice.html>. All questions about the recall should be directed to the manufacturer, which also has a list of frequently asked questions here:

<https://www.fortresssafe.com/faq-s.html>.

Generally, all firearms purchased or transferred in California must be accompanied by an FSD listed on the Roster. (Penal Code § 23635.)