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### 1.7 Million Maytag Dishwashers Recalled Due to Fire Hazard

Maytag Corp. issued a recall of 1.7 million dishwashers sold under the Maytag, Amana, Jenn-Air, Admiral, Magic Chef, Performa by Maytag and Crosley brands after reports of fires starting due to electrical problems with the heating element, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission said.



All the recalled dishwashers have plastic interiors and were sold nationwide between February 2006 through April 2010 for between \$250 and \$900. They came in either black, bisque, white, silver or stainless steel front panels.

Maytag told the CPSC a dozen consumers reported problems with the heating element that started several fires including one that caused extensive kitchen damage.

To determine if you have one of the recalled dishwashers, look for the model and serial numbers on the left side of the door opening.

The recalled machines will have serial numbers starting with any of the following:

NW39, NW40, NW41, NW42, NW43, NW44, NW45, NW46, NW47, NW48, NW49, NW50, NW51, NW52, NY01, NY02, NY03, NY04, NY05, NY06, NY07, NY08, NY09, NY10, NY11, NY12, NY13, NY14, NY15, NY16, NY17, NY18, NY19

If you have one of the dishwashers, you are urged to stop using it immediately and disconnect it from the power supply by either shutting off its circuit breaker or by pulling out its fuse.

Maytag will repair the recalled machines in-home or provide a rebate if a consumer decided to buy certain new models with stainless-steel interiors. To schedule a repair or get a rebate, call Maytag at (800) 544-5513.



**Messa & Associates, PC is excited to announce that Joseph L. Messa, Jr. has been selected for the Pennsylvania 2010 Super Lawyers and Thomas N. Sweeney has been selected as a Pennsylvania 2010 Rising Star.**

## 900,000 General Electric Coffeemakers Recalled

Walmart is recalling about 900,000 coffee makers sold under the General Electric brand after receiving more than 80 reports of the machines overheating, smoking, melting, burning and catching fire, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission said.

At least 83 consumers reported the problems to the CPSC said, including three who suffered burns. One coffee maker caused a "significant" kitchen fire, the CPSC said, while others damaged cabinets and counter-tops.

The 12-cup programmable digital coffee makers imported from China were sold in white or black. On the base is the "GE" logo. On the bottom is the model number. The models being recalled are 169164 (black) and 169165 (white).

The coffee makers were only sold at Walmart stores and were available from March 2008 until January 2010. The price was about \$30.

If you have one of the machines, the CPSC urges you to stop using it immediately. You can bring it to any Walmart and a full refund.



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## Recent Settlements & Verdicts

**\$1,300,000.00 settlement** for the assault of a building occupant due to negligent security services provided by a property management company and security provider.

The incident occurred in a high rise office building. Prior to the assault, a criminal was allowed to enter the building, before normal business hours, without providing identification to security personnel.

After gaining improper access to the premises, he then brutally attacked the plaintiff during the course of a robbery. Plaintiff was cut and slashed numerous times and had resulting wounds and scars on her arms, hands and ear. Following her recovery from the initial wounds, she developed neurologic hyperpathia, a increased pain sensation upon touch.

She was further diagnosed with severe post-traumatic stress disorder resulting in panic attacks, anxiety and depression. This case was settled, prior to trial, during a non-binding mediation. The case was handled by Lee D. Rosenfeld, of Messa & Associates, P.C.

**\$700,000 settlement** for a man against several Defendants for negligence in failing to prevent, treat, and recognize a developing decubitus ulcer in Plaintiff's sacrum during inpatient care. Plaintiff was previously paralyzed as a result of a unrelated motor vehicle accident.

After a week of hospital care, the man was transferred to a rehabilitation center. Proper protocols were not followed and Plaintiff's bed sore worsened. Although the family made complaints and was reassured that the care would improve, it did not.

Due to Defendants' negligence, Plaintiff developed infections including and required surgical procedures and inpatient and outpatient medical treatment. The case was handled by Irene M. McLafferty of Messa & Associates, P.C.

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