

# Recall issued for two gas fireplace models

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A North America-wide recall has been issued for two models of Valor Heating gas fireplaces after an elderly man was injured by the exploding glass front of his unit.

About 2,350 of the 3,000 natural gas and propane direct vent fireplaces subject to the recall were sold in Canada — mainly in Ontario and British Columbia, said Stuart Meyer, recall coordinator for Miles Industries, the

fireplace distributors.

They were sold between June 1997 and January 2002, before the models were discontinued and replaced with upgraded units, he added.

The recall models — 837AN and 837AP — represent less than two per cent of all fireplaces sold in North America. The distinguishing feature of the 837 models is an ignition lever which protrudes from the upper right side of the surrounding wooden trim.

The defective gas control valve may

allow main burner gas to prematurely enter the firebox during lighting and could cause a delayed ignition, putting the operator at risk for injury.

Mr. Meyer said the recall was issued after the glass front of one unit exploded, injuring an elderly man, despite the fact investigators found the defect likely didn't cause the accident.

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