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Sears Canada Advised of a Potential Safety Hazard Relating to Frigidaire™ Washing Machines and Kenmore™ Laundry Centres

Toronto, ON – August 6, 2009 - Sears Canada has been advised by the Frigidaire division of Electrolux Canada Corp. of a potential safety hazard relating to certain washing machines and laundry centres. Laundry centres are comprised of a stacked washer and dryer combination. It has been discovered that an internal defect in the washer's drain pump can cause heat to build up, posing a fire hazard to consumers.

The washing machines and laundry centres were sold through Sears Canada retail stores, online at www.sears.ca, and through the Sears Canada catalogue, between February 2009 and May 2009. The affected model numbers and corresponding Sears item numbers are as follows.

Item Number	Model Number	Type	Serial # Range	Selling Price
38612	FTF530FS0	Frigidaire FL	XC90501765 - XC91607678	\$649.99
38622	GLTF1570FS0	Frigidaire FL	XC91405383 - XC91501344	\$699.99
97812	970 C97812-00	Kenmore LC	XE90803769 - XE91600780	\$999.97
97812	970 C97812-10	Kenmore LC	XE90803769 - XE91600780	\$999.97
97912	970 C97912-00	Kenmore LC	XE90803809 - XE91600835	\$1,149.97
97912	970 C97912-10	Kenmore LC	XE90803809 - XE91600835	\$1,149.97
97962	970 C97962-00	Kenmore LC	XE91000577	\$899.94
97962	970 C97962-10	Kenmore LC	XE91000577	\$899.94
97962	970 C97962-20	Kenmore LC	XE91000577	\$899.94

The Frigidaire Washing Machines are front load models. The model and serial numbers are located at the top centre of the door frame. The Kenmore Laundry Centre model and serial numbers are located on the outer edge of the dryer door near the handle

Sears Canada will be contacting potentially affected customers to arrange for the free replacement of the washers' pump. Customers who have questions are encouraged to call 1-800-469-4663 (1-800-4-MY-HOME)

In the interest of consumer safety, Sears Canada urges customers who own an affected washing machine or laundry centre to cease use immediately. Sears Canada will be posting signs in all of its retail stores to advise customers of this safety hazard. Sears Canada is bringing this matter to the public's attention in the interest of consumer safety and apologizes for any inconvenience.

Sears Canada is a multi-channel retailer with a network of 198 corporate stores, 193 dealer stores, 40 home improvement showrooms, over 1,800 catalogue merchandise pick-up locations, 108 Sears Travel offices and a nationwide home maintenance, repair, and installation network. The Company also publishes Canada's most extensive general merchandise catalogue and offers shopping online at www.sears.ca.