

**Attention-** One of your neighbors had a fire due to a faulty dehumidifier that was purchased locally from a big box home improvement store. The family and their dogs were displaced from their home for 7 months. The total monetary loss will reach around \$300,000.

According to the homeowner:

“There were items that we had that were burned beyond recognition that we couldn't replace because we didn't have a list of exactly what the items were. There were a few sports memorabilia that were not able to be fully restored. There were also some handmade items in the basement that were lost and are irreplaceable. Actually, overall we were incredibly lucky.”

They were incredibly lucky, but this accident could have been prevented. The manufacturer of the dehumidifier announced a recall in September 2013, and a re-announcement of the recall in November 2016. There was also a recall for another company's dehumidifier in November 2016. Please check to see if your dehumidifier has been recalled. Contact us if you know or even suspect your dehumidifier is included in the recall at [nberkowitz@lwfd.org](mailto:nberkowitz@lwfd.org) or (630)353-3033

If a large number of products are recalled, or a child is injured or killed, the recall notice can receive a lot of publicity. However, there are many smaller recalls, or those that happen when other major events dominate the news, that are not widely publicized. This is why it's a good idea to learn how to check for recalls on products you own! Fill out the registration card that comes with your product, and visit the Consumer Product Safety Commission web site.

Keep up to date to keep your family safe

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