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*******CONSUMER ALERT*****CONSUMER ALERT*********MADIGAN WARNS CONSUMERS OF RECALL ON FUEL GELS*****Recall Comes Days After Attorney General Issues Consumer Alert on Gels' Dangers***

Chicago — Attorney General Lisa Madigan today alerted Illinois consumers to a national recall on fuel gels used in firepots due to serious safety concerns. Madigan said the federal Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) today recalled fuel gels sold by Napa Home & Garden Inc.

Madigan said that in announcing its recall, the CPSC cited 37 incidents and 23 burn injuries nationwide due to the Napa Home & Garden products, which are sold at Bed Bath & Beyond, Shopko and Restoration Hardware stores, among other furniture, home and garden and specialty shops.

"Illinois consumers should immediately stop using fuel gels in light of today's recall and return them to the store where they were purchased," Attorney General Madigan said. "Fuel gels have proven to be extremely dangerous, in particular because consumers have been largely unaware of the product's burn risk."

Recent media reports have detailed life-threatening burns and injuries caused when consumers used the fuel gels, which are poured into firepots for use as candles. Madigan said reports have shown consumers were injured when they added more fuel into the pot in an attempt to light or re-light the firepot, causing the product to explode into a fireball.

Late last week, Napa Home & Garden Inc. pulled its products from Bed Bath & Beyond stores nationwide as it reviews the product's labeling to ensure safe use.

Madigan said any consumer who suffers an injury after using fire gel should immediately report it to the CPSC by calling its hotline at (800) 638-2772 or (800) 638-8270 for the hearing impaired.

Consumers seeking more information can contact Madigan's Product Recall Hotline at (888) 414-7678, TTY (800) 964-3012 and (866) 310-8398 for Spanish speakers.

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