

Information regarding nationwide recall of one lock box and one safe on California’s Roster of Firearm Safety Devices announced by U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

The Department of Justice recently became aware of a nationwide recall of two firearm safety devices (FSDs)—specifically one lock box and one safe—that are on California’s Roster of Firearm Safety Devices (Roster).

The recall arises from the biometric lock on each FSD. According to the recall notice from the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), the “biometric lock on the [FSDs] can be opened by unauthorized users, posing a serious injury hazard and risk of death.” The recall notice acknowledged there have been 77 reports of the FSDs “being opened by unauthorized users”—and the manufacturer acknowledged that at least three of the reports involved children—but “[n]o injuries have been reported.” The recall notice advises consumers to “immediately stop using the biometric feature of the recalled [FSDs], remove the batteries from the [FSDs], and only use the key when storing firearms.” The recall notice is available here: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2024/SA-Consumer-Products-Recalls-Sanctuary-Quick-Access-and-Sports-Afield-Biometric-Gun-Safes-Due-to-Serious-Injury-Hazard-and-Risk-of-Death>.

The CPSC recall notice lists two FSD models, described below, that are on the Roster:

Model #	FSD Type on Roster	Manufacturer on Roster	Manufacturer in Recall Notice	Description in Recall Notice
SA-IHS2B	Lock Box	Sports Afield	SA Consumer Products	Sanctuary Quick Access Biometric Home Safe
SA-HDF-Bio	Safe	Sports Afield	SA Consumer Products	Sports Afield Home Defense 4-Gun Biometric Safe

The manufacturer of the recalled FSDs, SA Consumer Products (SACP), also has information about the recall, available here: <https://www.saproducts.com/biometricrecall/consumer-notice>. SACP explained that the recalled FSDs “contain a biometric interface that allows unpaired fingerprints to open the [FSD] until a fingerprint is programmed, allowing unauthorized persons, including children, to access hazardous contents, including firearms.” All further instructions and questions relating to the recall should be directed to SACP, as indicated on the webpage described earlier in this paragraph and SACP’s frequently asked questions webpage: <https://www.saproducts.com/biometricrecall/recall-faqs>.

Generally, all firearms purchased or transferred in California must be accompanied by an FSD listed on the Roster. (Pen. Code, § 23635.)