

Portable generators recalled after handle amputates fingers

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(HealthDay)—Reports of amputated and crushed fingers have prompted

the recall of thousands of portable generators made by Generac.

The recall involves more than 321,000 gas-powered Generac and DR 6500 watt and 8000 watt portable generators in the United States, and more than 4,500 of the generators in Canada.

An unlocked handle can trap users' [fingers](#) against the generator frame when the generator is moved, posing a risk of finger amputation and crushing, according to the [U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission](#) (CPSC).

Generac has received eight reports of injuries, seven resulting in finger amputations and one in finger crushing.

Consumers should immediately stop using the generators unless the locking pin has been inserted to secure the handle in place before and after moving the generator. They should contact Generac for a free repair kit, CPSC advised.

The recalled products include: 6500 watt and 8000 [watt](#) Generac portable generators with unit type numbers XT8000E, XT8000EFI, GP6500, GP6500E, GP8000E; HomeLink 6500E portable generators; and DR models PRO 6500M and PRO 6500E portable generators.

The generators have two-wheels and a single, U-shaped, two-grip, flip-up pin-lock handle to help move the [generator](#).

The unit type is on the front of the machine. The model and serial numbers are printed on a label.

The recalled generators were sold from June 2013 through June 2021 at major home improvement and hardware stores across the United States and online, including: Ace Hardware, Amazon, Blain's Farm & Fleet,

City Electric Supply, Costco, Do it Best, Fastenal, Home Depot, Lowe's Stores, Napa Auto Parts, Northern Tool & Equipment, Orgill, Power Equipment Direct, Ravitsky Bros., True Value and W.W. Grainger.

Consumers can contact Generac toll-free at 844-242-3493 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or get more information at the company's website.

More information: Here's where to find more information about the [recall](#).

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