

HANDOUTS: Product Recall: Chainsaw (4 pages)
Skill Builders: Key Words & Phrases, Scanning, Tables & Lists

IN THE WORKPLACE: Health Canada issues product alerts and recalls that are designed to keep consumers and workers safe. “Safety alerts” are issued as suggestions, but if a product is recalled it is always considered a danger to human health or safety. This means it could cause injury, death or adverse health effects as a result of its normal use. The Health Canada website has a special section dedicated to the recall of Tools and Electrical Products.

Read the **Product Recall Alert** to locate the following information. **Highlight** the information in the document or write your answers in the space provided.

1. When was the recall issued?

2. How many Makita DCS products are included in the recall?

3. How many of the affected units were sold in Canada?

4. Is a Dolmar PS7900 purchased in January 2002 affected?

5. What is another word for laceration?

6. What are the 3 classes of chainsaw included in the recall?

7. What is the hazard and the related danger in using the recalled chainsaws?

8. What should a person who owns a chainsaw in the list do?

9. Can the chainsaws be repaired? At what cost?

10. What company manufactures the chainsaws?

11. The information in a product recall alert is divided into 3 sections. What would you title each section?

12. Google the product alert page of the Government of Canada website. Go to the “Tools and Electrical Products” section and select a product under current or past recall. Scan the alert for the required information to complete the table below.

Date of alert	
Affected products	
Model number	
Identified hazard	
Name of manufacturer	
Instructions to consumer	

Makita Canada Inc. recalls Makita and Dolmar Chainsaws

Starting date: July 19, 2018
Posting date: July 19, 2018
Type of communication: Consumer Product Recall
Subcategory: Tools and Electrical Products
Source of recall: Health Canada
Issue: Laceration Hazard
Audience: General Public
Identification number: RA-67192

Affected products

Makita and Dolmar 64, 73 and 79 cc Gas Powered Chainsaws

Product description

This recall involves Makita and Dolmar brand chainsaws in the 64, 73 and 79 cc classes. These chainsaws were sold with and without chainsaw bars and chains. The motor housing/fuel tank are either red/orange or teal blue in colour.

The model number and date of manufacture are located on the label at the back of the saw near the handle. The table below provides the model number and date of manufacture of the affected chainsaws.



The following products are included in this recall.

Class	Brand	Model Number	Date of Manufacture	
64cc	Makita	DCS6401-PH DCS6421-20	Before June 1, 2018	
	Dolmar	PS6400		
73cc	Makita	DCS7301-PH EA7300P50E EA7300P50E	Before June 1, 2018	
		Dolmar		PS7300 PS7310
	Makita			DCS7901-PH
		Dolmar		PS7900 PS7910



Hazard identified

The automatic chain brake does not easily engage when the saw kicks back, possibly exposing the user to contact with the chain while it is still moving, posing a laceration hazard.

As of July 4, 2018, the company has received no report of incident or injury in Canada.

Number sold

Approximately 2,503 units of the affected products were sold in Canada.

Time period sold

The affected products were sold in Canada from April 2002 to June 2018.

Place of origin

Manufactured in Germany

Companies:

Distributor: Makita Canada Inc.
Whitby, Ontario
CANADA

Manufacturer: Dolmar GMBH, Makita Engineering
Hamburg
GERMANY

What you should do

Consumers should immediately stop using the affected chainsaws, and take the saw to the nearest Makita Canada Factory Service Centre to have the saw examined and repaired free of charge.

For more information, consumers may contact the nearest [Makita Factory Service Centre](#), by [email](#) or by visiting the company's [website](#).

Please note that the Canada Consumer Product Safety Act prohibits recalled products from being redistributed, sold or even given away in Canada.

Health Canada would like to remind Canadians to report any health or safety incidents related to the use of this product or any other consumer product or cosmetic by filling out the [Consumer Product Incident Report Form](#).

This recall is also posted on the [OECD Global Portal on Product Recalls website](#). You can visit this site for more information on other international consumer product recalls.

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<https://healthycanadians.gc.ca/recall-alert-rappel-avis/hc-sc/2018/67192r-eng.php>

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