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Sears Canada Advised of a Potential Safety Hazard Relating to Frigidaire(R) and Kenmore Elite(TM) Smoothtop Freestanding Electric Ranges

TORONTO, Aug. 26 /CNW/ - Sears Canada has been advised by the Frigidaire division of Electrolux Canada Corp. of a potential safety hazard relating to certain Frigidaire(R) and Kenmore Elite(TM) smoothtop freestanding electric ranges with rotary knobs and digital displays. It has been discovered that depending on the model, the surface heating elements can: 1) turn on spontaneously without being switched on; 2) fail to turn off after being switched off; or 3) heat to different temperatures than those selected by unit controls. These characteristics pose fire and burn risks for consumers.

The ranges were sold through Sears Canada retail stores, online at www.sears.ca, and through the Sears Canada catalogue between June 2001 and September 2008. The affected model numbers and corresponding Sears item numbers are as follows:

Model Number	Item Number	Serial No. Range begins with
VF831xxxxx or C970-68802x NF806xxxxx	68802	VF122xxxxx to NF122xxxxx to
VF831xxxxx or C970-68803x NF806xxxxx	68803	VF122xxxxx to NF122xxxxx to
VF831xxxxx or C970-68804x NF806xxxxx	68804	VF122xxxxx to NF122xxxxx to
VF831xxxxx or C970-68808x NF806xxxxx	68808	VF122xxxxx to NF122xxxxx to
VF831xxxxx or		VF122xxxxx to

C970-68809x NF806xxxxxx	68809	NF122xxxxxx to

VF831xxxxxx or C970-68830x NF806xxxxxx	68830	VF122xxxxxx to NF122xxxxxx to

VF831xxxxxx or C970-68832x NF806xxxxxx	68832	VF122xxxxxx to NF122xxxxxx to

VF831xxxxxx or C970-68833x NF806xxxxxx	68833	VF122xxxxxx to NF122xxxxxx to

VF831xxxxxx or C970-69803x NF806xxxxxx	69803	VF122xxxxxx to NF122xxxxxx to

VF831xxxxxx or C970-69804x NF806xxxxxx	69804	VF122xxxxxx to NF122xxxxxx to

VF831xxxxxx or C970-69808x NF806xxxxxx	69808	VF122xxxxxx to NF122xxxxxx to

VF831xxxxxx or C970-69809x NF806xxxxxx	69809	VF122xxxxxx to NF122xxxxxx to

VF831xxxxxx or CGLEFM97DBx NF806xxxxxx	29829	VF122xxxxxx to NF122xxxxxx to

VF831xxxxxx or CGLEFM97DSx NF806xxxxxx	29822	VF122xxxxxx to NF122xxxxxx to

VF831xxxxx or CPLEF398ACx NF806xxxxx	28983	VF122xxxxx to NF122xxxxx to
VF831xxxxx or CPLEF398DCx NF806xxxxx	28993	VF122xxxxx to NF122xxxxx to
VF831xxxxx or CPLEFM99ECx NF806xxxxx	29843	VF122xxxxx to NF122xxxxx to
VF831xxxxx or CPLEFZ98GCx NF806xxxxx	28996	VF122xxxxx to NF122xxxxx to
VF831xxxxx or PGLEF388CSx NF806xxxxx	29642	VF122xxxxx to NF122xxxxx to
VF831xxxxx or PGLEF388ESx NF806xxxxx	29312	VF122xxxxx to NF122xxxxx to

The model number can be found by opening the range drawer at the bottom of the unit. The information plate appears on the right side of the frame.

Sears Canada will be contacting potentially affected customers to arrange for a free repair of their smoothtop freestanding electric range. Sears customers who have not been in contact with Sears are asked to call our 24 hours line at 1-866-691-9948.

In the interest of consumer safety, Sears Canada urges customers who own an affected smoothtop freestanding electric range to cease use immediately. Sears Canada will be posting signs in all of its retail stores to advise customers of this safety hazard. Sears Canada is bringing this matter to the public's attention in the interest of consumer safety and apologizes for any inconvenience.

Sears Canada is a multi-channel retailer with a network of 196 corporate stores, 193 dealer stores, 41 home improvement showrooms, over 1,800 catalogue merchandise pick-up locations, 108 Sears Travel offices and a nationwide home maintenance, repair, and installation network. The Company also publishes Canada's most extensive general merchandise catalogue and offers shopping online at www.sears.ca.

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