

**PRODUCT RECALL**

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Dear Valued Life-Assist Customer,

According to our records you may have purchased an item that has been recalled by the manufacturer. Please examine your inventory to determine if you have the following product, with an affected serial number in your possession.

**Slishman Tractions Splints**

Life-Assist, Inc. Product Code	Manufacturer Product Code	Serial Number
SP100262	10-0262	2017-XXXX

**Reason for Recall:**

The Slishman Traction Splints shipped between October 1 and December 31, 2017 potentially have glue that was improperly added to the top (Red) clamp and slipped between the poles, thereby locking the two poles together. These traction splint can still be used to apply primary traction to a patient but not the fine traction that is ideal. All affected serial numbers begin with 2017-XXXX. Any product serial number that begins with 2018 is good and should not be returned. Please read the enclosed manufacturer recall notification for more information.

The manufacturer is aware that these devices may be required inventory in case of an inspection, and will replace all affected devices in the field. With the replacement you will receive a call tag to return affected the unit(s).

**Action Required:**

1. Immediately forward this notification to any pertinent personnel, department, and/or location within your organization.
2. Check your inventory for any affected serial numbers.
3. Follow the instructions "To test the unit:" from the enclosed manufacturer notification.
4. If the unit "fails" contact Rescue Essentials, by phone at 866-711-4843, or email at [info@rescue-essentials.com](mailto:info@rescue-essentials.com) to request a replacement unit(s) and a return label.

We apologize for any inconvenience.



**Re: Slishman Traction Splint Recall**

Dear EMS Coordinator/Purchasing

This letter pertains to a product recall. If you are not the person to whom this should be directed, please ensure that this reaches the individual or department responsible for stocking and distributing medical supplies within your organization.

Rescue Essentials was recently advised of an assembly error with **Slishman Traction Splints** shipped between October 1 2017 and December 31, 2017. Our records indicate that you may have purchased this item during that time frame.

Some devices shipped during the effected time period will not function properly, due to an assembly error that can cause the inner pole to “stick” and fail to extend when the “fine traction” cord is pulled. This could result in responders’ inability to pull full extended traction on a femur fracture. (traction may still be applied via manual extension of the lower pole).

We ask that you test all units you may have in your possession or deployed to your personnel or vehicles.

**To test the unit:**

1. Loosen the top (red) clamp:



2. While holding the splint in one hand pull the cord at the proximal end of the splint with your other hand:



The inner pole should move freely and extend. If it fails to do so, please contact us immediately for replacement:

Call toll free: 866-711-4843 or

Email: [info@rescue-essentials.com](mailto:info@rescue-essentials.com)

We will ship the replacement unit(s) along with a return label. The effected splint(s) can be put in the box containing your replacements, the label applied, and it will come back to us.

If you have questions regarding this recall, please contact us at the above email or phone number. We apologize for the inconvenience that this remediation effort may cause. Thank you for choosing the **Slishman Traction Splint**.