



U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission – Recall with Health Canada

Recall Date: June 13, 2017

Recall Number: 17-176

GTHI Recalls Climbing Belay Devices Due to Fall and Injury Hazards

Recall Summary

Name of Product: Vergo belay devices (climbing tool)

Hazard: The handle on the Vergo belay device can loosen and cause the device's assisted braking capacity to malfunction, posing fall and injury hazards to climbers.

Remedy: Replacement

Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled devices and contact Trango for instructions on receiving a free replacement.

Consumer Contact: Trango email at vergorecall@trango.com, or call 800-860-3653 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. MT, Monday through Friday, or online at www.trango.com and click on "Product Alerts" for more information.

Recall Details

Units: About 2,600 (in addition, about 100 were sold in Canada)

Description: This recall involves Trango Vergo belay devices with batch numbers 16159 and 16195 printed on the side of the unit. The devices were sold in blue, gold, or purple and feature the word "VERGO" on the front plate of the unit. Belay devices are used with climbing ropes to protect the climber while climbing, to arrest a fall or while being lowered on the rope.

Incidents/Injuries: The firm has received three reports of the belay device's handle over-rotating and braking malfunction. No injuries have been reported.

Sold at: Authorized GTHI dealers and outdoor specialty stores nationwide and online at www.trango.com from October 2016 through April 2017 for about \$90.

Distributor: Great Trango Holdings Inc. (GTHI), of Lafayette, Colo.

Manufactured in: United States

Note: Health Canada's press release is available at:

Photos



Trango Vergo Belay Device



Vergo belay device with the handle over-rotated.

About U.S. CPSC:

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death associated with the use of thousands of types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. Deaths, injuries, and property damage from consumer product incidents cost the nation more than \$1 trillion annually. CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical or mechanical hazard. CPSC's work to ensure the safety of consumer products - such as toys, cribs, power tools, cigarette lighters and household chemicals – contributed to a decline in the rate of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products over the past 40 years.

Federal law bars any person from selling products subject to a publicly-announced voluntary recall by a manufacturer or a mandatory recall ordered by the Commission.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury go online to www.SaferProducts.gov or call CPSC's Hotline at 800-638-2772 or teletypewriter at 301-595-7054 for the hearing impaired. Consumers can obtain news release and recall information at www.cpsc.gov, on Twitter [@USCPSC](https://twitter.com/USCPSC) or by subscribing to CPSC's [free e-mail newsletters](#).

CPSC Consumer Information Hotline

Contact us at this toll-free number if you have questions about a recall:

800-638-2772 (TTY 301-595-7054)

Times: 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. ET; Messages can be left anytime

Call to get product safety and other agency information and to [report unsafe products](#).

Media Contact

Please use the phone numbers below for all media requests.

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