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Slim-Fast Ready-to-Drink products recalled due to possible health risk

The Kane County Health Department is advising residents that Unilever United States, Inc., is conducting a nationwide voluntary recall of all Slim-Fast ready-to-drink (RTD) products in cans, due to the possibility of contamination with *Bacillus cereus*, a micro-organism, which may cause diarrhea and possibly nausea and/or vomiting. The probability of serious adverse health consequences is remote, and there have been no reports of any illness.

The products were sold in stores nationwide and packaged in paperboard cartons and contain four, six or 12 steel cans that are 11 ounces each. Individual cans are also sold in certain retail outlets. The recall involves all Slim-Fast RTD products in cans, regardless of flavor, Best-By date, lot code or UPC number. No other Slim-Fast products are affected by this recall. No Slim-Fast powdered shakes, meal bars, or snack bars are affected by this recall.

“We are urging residents to check their supplies of these products and, if they find them on their shelves, to throw them away. By calling the company, they can get their money back,” said Paul Kuehnert, Executive Director of the Health Department.

The recall was initiated after the company conducted quality testing on Slim-Fast RTD products in cans. The company is recalling all RTD products in cans that are currently in distribution centers, on-shelf or in back rooms in retail outlets or in consumers’ homes. The company is in the process of identifying and correcting the production issue, and will resume production and shipment of the product when the issue has been addressed and corrected.

Consumers who have purchased Slim-Fast RTD products in cans are urged to discard them immediately and contact the company at 1-800-896-9479 for a full refund. The company’s Consumer Services Center is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern Time. A recorded message is available 24/7.

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