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Candy products recalled because of possible health risks

The Kane County Health Department is advising residents that Asher's Chocolates/Lewistown, Inc., an affiliated partner of Chester A. Asher Inc. ("Asher's"), is initiating a voluntary recall of multiple chocolates, chocolate bars, cellophane wrapped chocolates, and individually wrapped chocolates, etc., under the Asher's brand due to possible *Salmonella* contamination of items produced in their Lewistown, PA., facility.

No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this problem; however the recalled candy products were distributed nationwide in retail stores.

Salmonella is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

A list of Asher brand products being recalled can be found by visiting the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's website by clicking [here](#).

The potential for contamination was noted after a single sample from routine testing by the company revealed the presence of *Salmonella* in a group of products.

Consumers who may have purchased any of these products are urged not to consume them. Consumers should contact Customer Service to arrange for return of the product and a refund. Customer Service can be contacted by email at customerservice@lewistownashers.com or by calling (888) 288-3880 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday - Friday.

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