

Kane County Health Department

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Fieldbrook Foods recalls ice cream bars for possible health risk

The Kane County Health Department is advising that Fieldbrook Foods Corporation, of Dunkirk, N.Y., has issued a voluntary recall of all orange cream bars and chocolate coated vanilla ice cream bars that were produced in 2017 at the company's Dunkirk, NY plant (plant code 362677), because of the possibility that they may be contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes.

No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this problem. However, the products were distributed widely throughout the United States. For a list of products, brand names and retail merchants, please visit the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's site by clicking <u>here</u>.

The recalled products have a production date of January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 and a "best by" date of January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018. Fieldbrook Foods is working with retailers to recall the affected products.

Listeria monocytogenes is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short- term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

There is no evidence of any contamination prior to October 31, 2017, but the company has issued the recall back to January 1, 2017. The company has suspended production and distribution of all products produced on this production line while it cooperates with the FDA to fully investigate the source of the problem. Consumers who have purchased these products are urged to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 1 800/333-0805 x2270.