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Model Helicopters Recalled by Horizon Hobby Due to Impact and Laceration Hazards

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and Health Canada, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

Name of product: Blade mCP X Bind-N Fly and Ready to Fly Remote Control Model Helicopters and replacement Blade mCP X Main Blade Grips with Bearings

Units: About 16,600 in the U.S.; 1,300 in Canada

Importer: Horizon Hobby, Inc., of Champaign, Ill.

Hazard: The main blade grips and main rotor blades can release from the main rotor head, posing an impact and laceration hazard.

Incidents/Injuries: Horizon Hobby has received 312 reports of the rotor blades releasing from the rotor head, including 34 reports of a blade striking a user, resulting in 12 laceration injuries.

Description: Blade ultra-micro indoor/outdoor helicopters have red and blue canopies with the name "Blade mCP X" printed on both sides. The model numbers are printed on the underside of the products' boxes with the bar code. The following are recalled:

Product Name	Size	Model Number
Bind-N-Fly Helicopter	Length 9.65 inches	BLH3580

Ready to Fly Helicopter (transmitter included)	Length 9.65 inches	BLH3500
Main Blade Grips with Bearings (replacement part)	Rotor Diameter .6 inches	BLH3514

Sold at: Retailers nationwide during March 2011 for \$180 to \$220 for the model helicopters and \$10 for the replacement part.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should contact Horizon Hobby for free replacement of main rotor grips and do-it-yourself instructions.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Horizon Hobby Support Team toll-free at (877) 504-0233 between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT on Saturdays, and between 12 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Sundays, or visit the website at <http://www.bladehelis.com/Products/Support.aspx?ProdId=BLH3500>

Note: Health Canada's press release is available at http://cpsr-rspsc.hc-sc.gc.ca/PR-RP/recall-retrait-eng.jsp?re_id=1334





The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is still interested in receiving incident or injury reports that are either directly related to this product recall or involve a different hazard with the same product. Please tell us about your experience with the product on www.saferproducts.gov

CPSC is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death associated with the use of the thousands of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. Deaths, injuries, and property damage from consumer product incidents cost the nation more than \$900 billion 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 30 years.

Under federal law, it is illegal to attempt to sell or resell this or any other recalled product.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, go online to: www.saferproducts.gov, call CPSC's Hotline at (800) 638-2772 or teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270 for the hearing impaired. Consumers can obtain this news release and product safety information at www.cpsc.gov. To join a free e-mail subscription list, please go to <https://www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx>.

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