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Primal Vantage Expands Recall of Plastic Tree Steps Due to Fall Hazard

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 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: Ameristep Plastic Strap-On Tree Step

Units: About 17,800 (Release [#10-101](#) recalled 16,000 steps with date code 12/08 on January 7, 2010. Steps with 10/08 date code are being added to the original recall.)

Manufacturer: Primal Vantage Co., Inc., of Randolph, N.J.

Hazard: The plastic portion of the step can break, posing a fall hazard to the user.

Incidents/Injuries: Primal Vantage has received six complaints of step breakage, including two reports of consumers being bruised and cut.

Description: Product is a plastic tree step that attaches to a tree via a nylon strap and a large metal buckle. It is used to climb a tree in order to hunt from an elevated position. Models 105 and 155 both have either a 10/08 or 12/08 date code, which is stamped on the plastic portion of the step.

Sold at: The product was sold from December 2008 through November 2009 at various outdoor and sporting goods retailers nationwide as a 3-step package in model 105 or as a single step in model 155.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the tree steps immediately. They should contact Primal Vantage for details on how to obtain a full refund. Consumers are asked not to return the product to retail stores as refunds can only be provided by Primal Vantage.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Primal Vantage toll free at (866) 972-6168 between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit their website at www.treestandcustomerservice.com to print a return form or for further information on how to locate the date code on your tree step.



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 it by visiting <https://www.cpsc.gov/cgibin/incident.aspx>

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of serious injury or death from thousands of types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. The CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard. The CPSC's work to ensure the safety of consumer products - such as toys, cribs, power tools, cigarette lighters, and household chemicals - contributed significantly to the decline in the rate of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products over the past 30 years.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's Hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (301) 595-7054. To join a CPSC e-mail subscription list, please go to <https://www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx>. Consumers can obtain recall and general safety information by logging on to CPSC's Web site at www.cpsc.gov.

