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# IKEA Reannounces Recall of MALM and Other Chests and Dressers Due to Serious Tip-over Hazard



***IKEA Reannounces Recall of MALM and Other Models of Chests and Dressers Due to Serious Tip-over Hazard; 8th Child Fatality Reported; Consumers Urged to Choose Between Refund or Repair***

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[National] Recall Date: November 21, 2017





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## Recall Summary

**Name of Product:** Children's and adult chests and dressers

**Hazard:** The recalled chests and dressers are unstable if they are not properly anchored to the wall, posing serious tip-over and entrapment hazards that can result in injuries or death to children.

### Remedy: Refund or Repair

Consumers should immediately stop using any recalled chest or dresser that is not properly anchored to the wall and place it in an area that children cannot access. Contact IKEA for a choice between two options: refund or a free wall-anchoring kit. IKEA will pick up the recalled dressers free of charge or provide a one-time, free in-home wall-anchoring service for consumers upon request. Consumers can obtain assistance from IKEA through its website at [www.IKEA-USA.com](http://www.IKEA-USA.com) or <https://www.ikea.com/us/en/customer-service/product-support/recalls/ikea-chest-and-dresser-safety-recall-pub4b96e3c0>. Consumers with chests and dressers manufactured prior to January 2002 are eligible for a partial store credit.

**Consumer Contact:** IKEA toll-free at 866-856-4532 anytime, or online at [www.IKEA-USA.com](http://www.IKEA-USA.com) or <https://www.ikea.com/us/en/customer-service/product-support/recalls/ikea-chest-and-dresser-safety-recall-pub4b96e3c0> for more information and to participate in the recall.

### Recall Details

**Units:** About 17.3 million (Based on updated information from IKEA, the number of U.S. units has been revised downward from June 2016.)

**Description:** This recall reannouncement involves MALM and other IKEA chests and dressers that do not comply with the requirements of the U.S. voluntary industry standard (ASTM F2057-14). The recalled children's and adult chests and dressers include the MALM 3-drawer, 4-drawer, 5-drawer and three 6-drawer models and other non-MALM models. The recalled children's chests and dressers are taller than 23.5 inches; recalled adult chests and dressers are taller than 29.5 inches. The MALM chests and dressers are constructed of particleboard or fiberboard and are white, birch (veneer), medium brown, black-brown, white stained oak (veneer), oak (veneer), pink, turquoise, grey, grey-turquoise, lilac, green, brown stained ash (veneer), and black. A 5-digit supplier number, 4-digit date stamp, IKEA logo, country of origin and "MALM" are printed on the underside of the top panel or inside the side panel.

### RECALLED MALM CHESTS AND DRESSERS:



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31½" x 18⅞" x 30¾"

Sold dates: 10/2002 to 6/2016

MALM 4 Drawer Chest

31½" x 18⅞" x 39½"

Sold dates: 6/2002 to 6/2016

MALM 5 Drawer Chest

15 7/8" x 19" x 48 1/4"

Sold dates: 10/2002 to 4/2006

MALM 6 Drawer Chest

31½" x 18⅞" x 48⅜"

Sold dates: 6/2002 to 6/2016

MALM 6 Drawer Dresser

63" x 18⅞" x 30¾"

Sold dates: 11/2002 to 6/2016

MALM 6 Drawer Chest with mirror

15 3/4" x 19 1/8" x 48 3/8"

Sold dates: 4/2006 to 6/2016

## OTHER CHESTS AND DRESSERS INCLUDED IN THIS RECALL

To see a complete list of other non-MALM chests and dressers included in this recall, click on this link [www.IKEA-USA.com](https://www.ikea.com/us/en/customer-service/product-support/recalls/ikea-chest-and-dresser-safety-recall-pub4b96e3c0) or <https://www.ikea.com/us/en/customer-service/product-support/recalls/ikea-chest-and-dresser-safety-recall-pub4b96e3c0> on IKEA's website.

Since 1996, IKEA chests and dressers have been labeled to identify IKEA, the model name and the manufacturing date.

**Incidents/Injuries:** IKEA has received 186 reports of tip-over incidents involving the MALM chests and dressers, including 91 reports of injuries to children. In addition, IKEA has received 113 reports of tip-overs with other recalled IKEA chests and dressers, including 53 reports of injuries to children:

There have been eight reports of child tip-over related deaths with the recalled chests and dressers.

- The most recent reported death in May 2017 involved a 2-year-old boy in Buena Park, Calif. after he became trapped beneath an unanchored MALM 3-drawer chest that tipped over.

Previously reported deaths with MALM dressers or chests include:

- February 2016: A 22-month-old boy from Apple Valley, Minn. died after an unanchored MALM 6-



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unanchored MALM 3-drawer chest that tipped over.

- February 2014: A 2-year-old boy from West Chester, Pa. died after an unanchored MALM 6-drawer chest tipped over fatally pinning him against his bed.
- September 2011: A 2-year-old boy from Woodbridge, Va. died after an unanchored MALM 3-drawer chest tipped over and trapped him between the dresser drawers.

Previously reported deaths with other model IKEA chests and dressers include:

- July 1989: A 20-month-old girl from Mt. Vernon, Va. died after an unanchored GUTE 4-drawer chest tipped over and pinned her against the footboard of a youth bed.
- March 2002: A 2½-year-old boy from Cranford, N.J. died after an unanchored RAKKE 5-drawer chest tipped over and fatally pinned him to the floor.
- October 2007, a 3-year-old girl from Chula Vista, Calif. died after a KURS 3-drawer chest tipped over and fatally pinned her to the floor. It is unknown whether the dresser was anchored or not.

**Sold at:** IKEA stores nationwide and online at [www.IKEA.com](http://www.IKEA.com) from January 2002 through June 2016 for between \$70 and \$200. Other chests and dressers subject to this recall were sold between approximately 1985 and June 2016.

**Importer:** IKEA Supply AG, of Switzerland (May 2009 – present) and predecessors to IKEA Supply AG (1985 – May 2009)

**Manufactured in:** Various countries

**Note:** Dangerous tip-over incidents often occur when curious kids climb on furniture in an attempt to access TVs, toys, remotes or other desired items. While the threat is serious, the solution is simple. Anchor TVs, furniture and appliances in the home. And when product recalls are announced, act on them immediately. Visit [AnchorIt.gov](http://AnchorIt.gov) to see how TV and furniture tip-over incidents occur and the simple steps to prevent them.

### About U.S. CPSC:

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death associated with the use of thousands of types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. Deaths, injuries, and property damage from consumer product incidents cost the nation more than \$1 trillion 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 40 years.

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### CPSC Consumer Information Hotline

Contact us at this toll-free number if you have questions about a recall:

800-638-2772 (TTY 301-595-7054)

Times: 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. ET; Messages can be left anytime

Call to get product safety and other agency information and to report unsafe products.

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