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Major Fireworks Recall Ahead of 4th of July Weekend

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has <u>issued a recall</u> for over 36,000 "Red, White, & Blue Smoke" fireworks manufactured by American Promotional Events and sold under the TNT Fireworks brand. These fireworks can explode unexpectedly after being lit and have already led to three reports of burns to consumers.

The Red, White, & Blue Smoke fireworks are pyrotechnic devices that make colored smoke when lit. American Promotional Events stated that the units were sold as part of a bag containing three canisters at major retailers such as Target, Wal-Mart and Meijer from May to June 2017 in four states: Illinois, Ohio, Vermont and Wisconsin. Consumers can identify the fireworks by the prominent Red, White, & Blue Smoke branding or by looking for a unique universal product number located under the product's barcode, 027736036561.

If you have purchased this product, it can be returned for a full refund by contacting American Promotional Events. Here are some steps to take if you or a family member has purchased the recalled fireworks:

- Immediately stop using the products and store them in a safe location away from flammable objects.
- Contact American Promotional Events by calling 800-243-1189 or visiting the company's recall website.
- Call us at 413-528-1000 for more fireworks safety resources.

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