

Information regarding nationwide recall of three lock boxes on California’s Roster of Firearm Safety Devices announced by U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

The Department of Justice recently became aware of a nationwide recall of three firearm safety devices (FSDs)—specifically three lock boxes—that are on California’s Roster of Firearm Safety Devices (Roster).

The recall arises from the biometric lock on each FSD. According to the recall notice from the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), the “biometric lock on the [FSDs] can be opened by unauthorized users, posing a serious injury hazard and risk of death.” The recall notice acknowledged there have been four reports of the FSDs “being opened by an unauthorized user,” but “[n]o injuries have been reported.” The recall notice advises consumers to “immediately stop using the biometric feature of the recalled [FSDs], remove the batteries from the [FSDs], and only use the key when storing firearms.” The recall notice is available here: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2024/Bulldog-Cases-Recalls-Biometric-Gun-Safes-Due-to-Serious-Injury-Hazard-and-Risk-of-Death>.

The CPSC recall notice lists three models, described below, that are all lock boxes on the Roster:

Model #	FSD Type on Roster	Manufacturer	Description in Recall Notice
BD4030B	Lock Box	Bulldog Cases & Vaults	Magnum Biometric Pistol Vault
BD4040B	Lock Box	Bulldog Cases & Vaults	Magnum Biometric Pistol Vault with Shelf
BD4055B	Lock Box	Bulldog Cases & Vaults	Magnum Biometric Top Load Pistol Vault

The manufacturer of the recalled FSDs, Bulldog Cases & Vaults (Bulldog), also has information about the recall, available here: https://bulldogcases.com/pages/recall#shopify-section-template-21923697688857_rich_text_xWW3bC. Bulldog explained that the biometric lock “can be opened by unauthorized users if not programmed” because the lock “is shipped in ‘demo mode,’ which means that, if not properly programmed, any fingerprint can open the vault.” All further instructions and questions relating to the recall should be directed to Bulldog, as indicated on the webpage described earlier in this paragraph.

Generally, all firearms purchased or transferred in California must be accompanied by an FSD listed on the Roster. (Pen. Code, § 23635.)