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**MALFUNCTIONING GUN SAFES SOLD BY CABELA'S, BASS PRO, AND LOWE'S
ALLOW ANYONE TO OPEN; ONE CHILD DEAD**

61,000 gun safes are being recalled today—instead of only opening with a biometric scan of the owner's fingerprints, as intended, reports indicate that the safes could open when *anyone* places their fingers on the scanner. One 12-year-old boy is dead, and there are reports of 39 others gaining access to guns that were thought to be secured in these safes.

As a gun owner with kids, this product failure is *the* nightmare scenario, the kind that we want to believe is not possible—it's also the most concerning recall that's ever come across my desk.

I've been hunting and around guns for nearly all my life. And like most of you, before I was ever near one, gun safety was drilled into the core of my brain. As responsible gun owners, we know that we've got deadly products in our homes, so, we take every step possible to make sure that no one can access them without us. Here, people like you and I tried to take the most responsible steps possible by buying gun safes from companies we know, like Cabela's, Bass Pro Shops, or Lowe's. For those of us that have always had the Master Catalog sitting on our coffee tables, we trust that the products we buy there are of the highest quality. Here, we were let down.

If you own one of the gun safes below, **TAKE ACTION TODAY**.

1. **IMMEDIATELY** disable the biometric feature by using a hammer and screwdriver to puncture the biometric scanner. Your safe will still function, you will just have to operate it by key.
2. Then get your **FREE REPLACEMENT SAFE** by contacting the manufacturer, Xpedition, by telephone at 888-577-9823 or online at www.fortresssafe.com. You will also be able to keep your current safe, after disabling the biometric feature, and it will continue to be operable by key.
3. Send this to everyone you know—particularly everyone you know who hunts or owns a gun. Your help could save lives.

List of Recalled Gun Safes:

The recalled gun safes are portable lock boxes, personal safes, pistol vaults, and gun cabinets with brand names Fortress, Cabela's, Gettysburg, and Legend Range & Field. Model numbers can be found above the barcode on a label located on the back of the safe and on the top right corner of the original packaging.

Safes with the following model numbers are included in this recall.

Model #	Description
11B20	Fortress Portable Safe with Biometric Lock
44B10	Fortress Personal Safe with Pop up door and Biometric Lock
44B10L	Legend Range & Field Personal Safe with Pop up door and Biometric Lock
44B20	Fortress Medium Personal Safe with Biometric Lock
55B20	Fortress Quick Access Safe with Biometric Lock
55B30	Fortress Large Quick Access Safe with Biometric Lock
55B30G	Gettysburg Large Quick Access Safe with Biometric Lock
4BGGBP	Cabela's 4 Gun Safe with Biometric Lock
55B30BP	Cabela's Biometric Personal Safe

The recalled safes were sold at Bass Pro Shops, Cabela's, Scheel's, Sportsman's Guide, Optics Planet, Dick's Sporting Goods, Gander, Rural King, Lowe's and other stores nationwide and online at Amazon.com and Ebay.com from January 2019 through October 19, 2023 for between \$44 and \$290.

The recalled safes were manufactured in China and imported and distributed by Xpedition LLC, dba Fortress Safe, of Naperville, Illinois.

Report incidents with these safes and any dangerous product or a product-related injury to CPSC at www.SaferProducts.gov.

Photos:



Recalled Fortress Portable Safe with Biometric Lock, Model 11B20



Recalled Fortress Personal Safe with Pop up door and Biometric Lock, Model 44B10



Recalled Legend Range & Field Personal Safe with Pop up door and Biometric Lock, Model 44B10L



Recalled Fortress Medium Personal Safe with Biometric Lock, Model 44B20



Recalled Fortress Quick Access Safe with Biometric Lock, 55B20



Recalled Fortress Large Quick Access Safe with Biometric Lock, 55B30



Recalled Gettysburg Large Quick Access Safe with Biometric Lock, 55B30G



Recalled Cabela's 4 Gun Safe with Biometric Lock, 4BGGBP



Recalled Cabela's Biometric Personal Safe, 55B30BP

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Model Number is located above the barcode on the back of the recalled safe

Faithfully,

Your consumer advocate at the Consumer Product Safety Commission

Commissioner Richard L. Trumka Jr.