

**PROHIBITED INSTALLATION OR USE OF MAJESTIC DIRECT VENT FREE  
STANDING FIREPLACE**
**Date of Issue: April 30, 2024**
**No: SO-GA 2012-01  
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This safety order is issued pursuant to section 31 of the Safety Standards Act. A person affected by this safety order may appeal this order in writing to the Safety Standards Appeal Board within 30 days. The appeal process is set out on the Safety Standards Appeal Board's website at [www.gov.bc.ca/safetystandardsappealboard](http://www.gov.bc.ca/safetystandardsappealboard).

Failure to comply with a safety order is an offence under section 72 of the Safety Standards Act.

**Part 1: Details of Regulated Work or Regulated Product**

This safety order is being issued in relation to:

	Regulated Work – General			Regulated Product – General
	Regulated Work – Specific Class			Regulated Product – Specific Class
	Specific Regulated Work		<b>X</b>	Specific Regulated Product

**Part 2: Requirement(s) of This Safety Order**

The following gas fireplace models manufactured by CFM Inc. (Majestic Fireplace) also labeled as Insta-Flame or Northern Flame shall not be sold, leased, rented, installed, or used in the province of British Columbia:

- Natural Gas Fired Direct Vent Free Standing Fireplace – Model FSDV22, FSDV30 and FSDV32Series, and;
- Propane-Fired Direct Vent Free Standing Fireplace – Model FSDV22, FSDV30 and FSDV32 Series.

Note: **ONLY models that have the letter “R” in the prefix are not affected.** The manufacturer is no longer in business and a retro fit or repair kit is not available.

This order requires all identified gas fireplace models currently in use to have the gas supply to the appliance terminated immediately in compliance with the CSA B149.1 Natural gas and propane installation code.

Distributors, licensed gas contractors, and fireplace owners must consider operation of the identified gas fireplaces to pose an immediate hazard and comply with the requirements under [Gas Safety Regulation section 54 for an unrepairable appliance](#).

To notify a Technical Safety BC regional gas safety officer, contact us at: 1-866-566-7233 or <https://www.technicalafetybc.ca/contact/contact-us>

**Part 3: Details of Issue**

This safety order is being issued to the following: All – owners, installers, and retailers.

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Six national incidents involving these fireplaces reported a delayed ignition condition that expelled glass into the living space causing personal injury. In 2012, delayed ignition tests were conducted on a sample of these fireplaces based on the applicable Canadian standard. Test results demonstrated that the required relief dampers did not prevent the glass from blowing out. Relief dampers not functioning correctly in the event of a delayed ignition can result in an explosion that expels the fireplace glass into the living space causing personal injury.

**Part 4: Details of Ordering Safety Manager or Safety Officer**

I certify that I am authorized to issue this safety order in accordance with section 15 (d) of the Safety Standards Act or that I have been delegated this power under section 15 (g) of the Safety Standards Act.

Provincial Safety Manager - Gas

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***Safety Standards Act:*****Safety Orders**

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- (1) To prevent, avoid or reduce risk of personal injury or damage to property, a provincial safety manager may, in writing, issue a safety order.
  - (2) A safety order may be issued to any person in relation to any of the following:
    - (a) regulated work or regulated products generally;
    - (b) a specific class of regulated product or regulated work;
    - (c) a specific regulated product or regulated work.
  - (3) For certainty, a safety order issued under this section may apply to
    - (a) regulated work that meets the requirements under this Act,
    - (b) regulated work that previously met the requirements under this Act or a former Act but does not meet the current requirements under this Act,
    - (c) regulated products that meet the requirements under this Act, or
    - (d) regulated products that previously met the requirements under this Act or a former Act but do not meet the current requirements under this Act, including a regulated product that bears a certification mark.
  - (4) A safety order may specify any requirement that is intended to prevent, avoid or reduce the risk of personal injury or damage to property and may include any of the following orders:
    - (a) that an existing regulated work or regulated product must be made safe in compliance with the safety order;
    - (b) that a regulated product must be
      - (i) disconnected from a power source,
      - (ii) uninstalled, or
      - (iii) modified before continued use;
    - (c) that a regulated product must be operated, installed, manufactured or disposed of only as specified or that a regulated product must not be moved;
    - (d) that current or future regulated work or a regulated product must conform to the terms or conditions of the order;
    - (e) that a person take or refrain from taking any action that a safety manager considers necessary to prevent, avoid or reduce a risk of personal injury to persons or damage to property;
    - (f) that the manufacturer make reasonable efforts to recall the regulated product.
  - (5) The provincial safety manager must give written notice of the safety order to the following persons:
    - (a) the manufacturer of the regulated product;
    - (b) an owner of the regulated product if the identity of the owner is known to the provincial safety manager;
    - (c) the person in charge of the regulated work.
  - (6) The notice must state the reasons for the decision and that the person has the right to appeal the decision to the appeal board.
  - (7) Despite section 54, a safety order may not be stayed during an appeal.

**References:**

Safety Standards Act  
Gas Safety Regulation  
CSA B149.1 Natural gas and propane installation code

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