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**Recall of Dark Red Kidney Beans Sold in Idaho Wal-Mart Stores Announced**

The New Era Canning Company has announced a recall of several canned bean products because some cans from each lot may not have been adequately cooked, which could cause the growth of the bacterium that causes botulism. While no illnesses have been reported, the company is recalling these products as a precautionary measure.

In Idaho, the recall is limited to a dozen cases of Great Value brand Dark Red Kidney Beans in 15.5 ounce cans, with lot number 00249 CKJ6LD printed on the end of the can. This lot of canned dark red kidney beans was sold at Wal-Mart Stores in Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Nevada, Utah, Colorado and Arizona.

Any cans of this product *without a printed code* should also not be opened or used, and disposed of by double bagging the cans in plastic bags that are tightly closed, then placed in a trash container for non-recyclable trash outside the home. Restaurants and institutions should assure that such products are only placed in locked receptacles which are not accessible to the public.

“Shoppers should be leery of any canned goods if the can appears to be bulging,” says Patrick Guzzle, Food Safety Program manager at the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. “Remember that ANY food that may be contaminated should always be disposed of carefully. Even tiny amounts of toxins ingested, inhaled or absorbed through the eye or a break in the skin can cause serious illness. Skin contact should be avoided as much as possible, and hands washed immediately after handling food.”

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Botulism can cause general weakness, dizziness, double-vision and trouble speaking or swallowing. Difficulty breathing, weakness of other muscles, abdominal distension and constipation may also occur. People experiencing these symptoms should seek immediate medical attention; in most cases the symptoms appear after 12 to 24 hours.

Additional recalled products which were distributed to food service and retail customers in Midwest and Eastern states include Mexican style chili beans and green beans. For information on these products and lot numbers, visit the U.S. Food and Drug Administration web site at [http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/newera01\\_08.html](http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/newera01_08.html).

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