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ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM NO. 02-03

TO: Executive Directors
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FROM: Jan Abelseth, Deputy Commissioner
Division of Quality Assurance 

DATE: September 30, 2002

SUBJECT: Notice of Wheelchair Recall

The Invacare Corporation of Elyria, Ohio has recalled all of its powered wheelchair models from 1988 to 2000. In all, over 215,000 have been recalled. The recall was prompted by defective wiring and the battery charging system which may cause a fire. There have been reports linking the chairs to individuals being badly burned, as well as several deaths being attributed to the faulty wheelchairs.

Consumers who use the wheelchairs should contact their wheelchair provider or Invacare Corporation to have the defective components replaced. Invacare's Customer Service center phone number is 1-800-333-6900. Select option "8". Consumers can also find information at the company's web site at www.invacare.com.

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