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Concussion & Head Trauma Prevention

VOLUNTARY HELMET RECALL



Xenith
EPIC Varsity



Xenith
X2/X2E Varsity

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Football Helmet Recall by the Xenith Corporation

High school football season is about to get underway and one of the underlying concerns we all have is the risk of head trauma that students can suffer in practice and in games. In 2013 the Institute of Medicine (now, the National Academy of Medicine) analyzed a variety of studies on head trauma in a variety of high school sports. They estimated that high school football players suffered 11.2 concussions for every 10,000 games and practices. They also estimated that college football players suffered a rate of 6.3 concussions for every 10,000 games and practices. They admit these estimates may be conservative.

Having good protective equipment is important in most contact sports such as football. This year a few popular styles of helmets made by the Xenith Corporation have reportedly incurred cracks in their shells due to an additive that was inadvertently not used in the manufacturing process (29 helmets, no injuries, to date). The worry, of course, is all about concussions - specifically, preventing concussions.

In coordination with the Consumer Products Safety Commission, Xenith has issued a voluntary recall (Recall # 16-245).

About 5,900 helmets have been sold prior to this recall. This recall involves Xenith Epic Varsity, X2 Varsity, X2E Varsity and Youth football helmets with a gloss or metallic-painted polycarbonate shell sold or factory-reconditioned between May 1, 2015 and March 18, 2016. The helmets were sold in multiple sizes depending on the model, and in varying colors and custom-paint designs. They have a facemask and a chin cup, available in different styles and varying colors, and may have an optional eye shield. The serial number is printed on a white sticker inside the top of the helmet.

Players should immediately stop using these (recalled) helmets.

You can contact Xenith at 800-956-9022 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or online at www.xenith.com (click on the "Helmet Shell Recall" link on the homepage for more information) to receive a new, free replacement.

Also, refer to:

<http://www.xenith.com/pages/recall>

<http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2016/Xenith-Recalls-Football-Helmets/>

<http://www.wrightspecialty.com>