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California firm conducts salmon recall because of possible health risk

The Kane County Health Department is advising residents that Santa Barbara Smokehouse Inc. of Santa Barbara, CA, is voluntarily recalling certain brands and batches of cold smoked salmon produced and packed between Dec. 17 and Dec. 24 because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria Monocytogenes*.

No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this incident.

Listeria is an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems.

Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

Brand names involved in the recall include Cambridge House, Channel Island Smokehouse, Coastal Harbor, Harbor Point, and Santa Barbara Smokehouse. Batch numbers of the recalled products are listed on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's website. Please click [here](#) for the FDA's full announcement.

The potential for contamination was noted after routine testing by the company revealed the presence of *Listeria monocytogenes* on food contact surfaces.

The production of the product has been voluntarily suspended while CDPH and the company continue to investigate the source of the incident.

Consumers who have purchased the products listed are urged to return the product to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at (805) 966-9796.

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