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ALLERCARE(TM) PRODUCTS RECALLED DUE TO ASTHMA AND RESPIRATORY PROBLEMS

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ALLERCARE™ PRODUCTS RECALLED DUE TO
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Today S. C. Johnson & Son, Inc. issued an immediate recall of AllerCare™ Dust Mite Powder and AllerCare™ Dust Mite Allergen Spray for Carpet and Upholstery. EPA urged the company to initiate this action based on incidents from consumers who reported experiencing asthma attacks and other medical problems associated with the use of these products.

Today's action will result in a voluntary stop sale and full recall of these products from retail store shelves. EPA is conducting an extensive scientific investigation into the reported reactions to ensure protection of public health, and is overseeing the recall closely. The products are being removed from store shelves immediately. The Agency also is working with other government agencies on this issue.

Consumers who currently have this product in their home, especially those individuals with allergies or respiratory conditions, should consult their physician or allergist before using the product. If consumers want to return the product, they should contact the company, S. C. Johnson, toll free at 1-877-255-3722. AllerCare™ was labeled to control dust mites, which may contribute to allergic reactions in people. Some of the serious symptoms that were experienced include: asthma attacks, respiratory problems, burning sensations, and skin irritation.

For further information, consumers may contact the National Pesticide Telecommunications Network at (800) 858-7378, or visit EPA's web site at

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<https://www.epa.gov/pesticides>. If consumers need additional information on allergic diseases or asthma, they may contact the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology at (800) 822-2762, or **<http://www.aaaai.org>**. For more information, contact Ellen Kramer at 202-260-4376.

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