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### **CCH Inc. Recalls Mountain Climbing Camming Anchor Due to Fall Hazard**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. (To access color photos of the following recalled products, see CPSC's Web site at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov).)

**Name of product:** Camming Anchor (used in climbing)

**Units:** About 4,100

**Manufacturer:** Colorado Custom Hardware (CCH) Inc., of Laramie, Wyo.

**Hazard:** The cables that support climbers using these devices can fail, causing climbers to fall.

**Incidents/Injuries:** CCH Inc. has received one report of an anchor cable failing a climber during use.

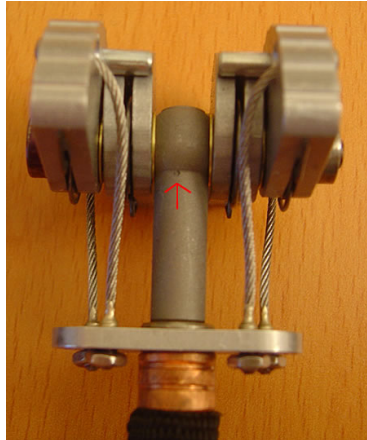
**Description:** These camming anchors or "Alien Cams" are devices used as both a precautionary measure to stop a climber in the event of falls, or it is used to actually support the climber. Climbers insert the device into cracks or crevasses in rock and it grips the sides of the crack. The recalled units are marked with a small center punch dimple at the base of the round ball where the axle goes through the cable eye. They have production dates, from November 2004 (written as 1104) through December 2005 (written as 1205), which can be found on the bottom of the handle puller.

**Sold at:** Climbing stores nationwide and Web retailers from November 2004 through December 2005 for between \$50 and \$60.

**Manufactured in:** United States

**Remedy:** Consumers should stop using these devices immediately and contact the firm for instructions on how to have the units repaired.

**Consumer Contact:** For additional information, call the firm at (800) 776-9185 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. MT Monday through Friday, or visit CCH's Web site at [www.aliencamsbycch.com](http://www.aliencamsbycch.com).



The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of serious injury or death from more than 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. Deaths, injuries and property damage from consumer product incidents cost the nation more than \$700 billion annually. The CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard. The CPSC's work to ensure the safety of consumer products - such as toys, cribs, power tools, cigarette lighters, and household chemicals – contributed significantly to the 30 percent decline in the rate of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products over the past 30 years.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270 or visit CPSC's Web site at [www.cpsc.gov/talk.html](http://www.cpsc.gov/talk.html). Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's Web site at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov).

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