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SAFETY ALERT – PRODUCT RECALL FROM DMM DMM LOCKING CARABINERS 9-2015

PRCA Safety Alert / Technical Advisory Committee:

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Please forward any questions or comments about this safety alert / technical advisory to info@prcainfo.org with the subject line “DMM Product Recall 9-2015”.

Background:

On September 11 and 14, 2015 DMM issued a recall of certain locking carabiners. The PRCA was notified of this recall through the ERCA and other sources.

Issue:

In a small percentage of carabiners, the interaction between the internal coil spring (which gives the gate its closing action) and the spring pusher (the component that holds the spring against the carabiner body) may cause the spring pusher to displace, potentially preventing the gate from closing or the mechanism from locking completely. This recall does not affect all DMM carabiners. Make sure that you visit the product safety warnings and recall notices from DMM for full details in identifying the affected carabiners.

DMM Recall information:

<http://www.dmmprofessional.com/documents/dmm-product-safety-warning-11-09-2015.pdf>

and

<http://www.dmmprofessional.com/documents/dmm-product-recall-14-09-2015.pdf>

The DMM pdfs are also available to view at <http://www.prcainfo.org/advisories>

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