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Hy-Vee Voluntarily Recalls Several Candy Products Due to Possible Health Risk

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Hy-Vee, Inc., based in West Des Moines, Iowa, is voluntarily recalling several candy trays because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*. The potential for contamination was brought to Hy-Vee's attention when Palmer Candy Company announced a limited recall of certain chocolate products after it was informed by its supplier, Valley Milk Products LLC, that a milk powder ingredient used in a compound chocolate coating has the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*. The voluntary recall includes selected products produced between Oct. 20, 2016, and Dec. 9, 2016, and shipped by Palmer Candy Company to grocery, convenience store and wholesale customers nationwide for repackaging.

Below is the product description, size and UPC number that can be found on the label of each candy tray that is being recalled.

Description	UPC
Chocolate Almond Bark, 4 oz.	026133400000
Chocolate Almond Bark, 12 oz.	026133300000
Chocolate Almond Pretzels, 4 oz.	026131900000
Chocolate Almond Pretzels, 12 oz.	026131800000

Description	UPC
Crème De Menthe Almond Bark, 12 oz.	026266300000
Dazzled Peanut Brittle, 12 oz.	026267400000
Dazzled Peanut Brittle Tub, 8 oz.	026267300000
Holiday Candy Tray, 10", 16 oz.	026139100000
Holiday Candy Tray, 12", 32 oz.	026139300000
Holiday Candy Tray, 16", 48 oz.	026139500000
Holiday Candy Tray, 18", 64 oz.	026139700000
Peppermint Bark, 4 oz.	026133800000
Peppermint Bark, 12 oz.	026133700000
Peppermint Bark Tub, 9 oz.	026267900000
9" Candy Tray, 16 oz.	026138000000
12" Candy Tray, 32 oz.	026138100000
16" Candy Tray, 48 oz.	026138200000
9" Cookie & Candy Tray, 16 oz.	026138600000
12" Cookie & Candy Tray, 32 oz.	026138700000
16" Cookie & Candy Tray, 48 oz.	026138800000

The candy trays were distributed to all of Hy-Vee's 242 grocery stores across its eight-state region of Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin. The product comes in a plastic container with a clear lid. The sell-by date range for all items is between Jan. 26, 2017 and Feb. 23, 2017. The sell-by date can be found at the top of the product label.

To date, no illnesses have been reported in connection with these products. *Salmonella* is an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

Out of an abundance of caution Hy-Vee has decided to recall all candy trays that include products in the recall. Customers who purchased this product should dispose of it or return it to their local Hy-Vee store for a full refund.

Consumers with questions may contact Hy-Vee Customer Care representatives 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 1-800-772-4098.

Hy-Vee, Inc. is an employee-owned corporation operating more than 240 retail stores across eight Midwestern states with sales of \$9.8 billion annually. The supermarket chain is synonymous with quality, variety, convenience, healthy lifestyles, culinary expertise and superior customer service. Hy-Vee ranks in the Top 10 Most Trusted Brands and has been named one of America's Top 5 favorite grocery stores. The company's 84,000 employees provide "A Helpful Smile in Every Aisle" to customers every day. For additional information, visit www.hy-vee.com. (<http://www.hy-vee.com/>)

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