



**Seattle
Manufacturing
Corporation**

VOLUNTARY SAFETY RECALL

RECALL NOTICE FOR SMC KOBDAH ICE AXE

(06/15/2019) SMC (Seattle Manufacturing Corporation) has identified a potential safety issue with the Kobah Mountaineering Ice Axe.

As a precautionary measure, SMC has decided to voluntarily recall these axes in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Safety Product Commission.

Kobah Ice Axes with MLN 10864 (MSRP \$99) are subject to this notice (See image). Not applicable to Kobah Pro and Kobah Speed Axes.

It has come to our attention that our procedure for proof testing the final assemblies may have inadvertently reduced the strength of a limited number of axes. As a result, the spike and/or head of the axe may separate from the handle at a load below SMC's minimum testing threshold and could result in a serious injury hazard. No accidents have been reported as a result of this issue, but in the interest of customer safety and product quality, SMC has decided to voluntarily issue a recall.

Axes were sold from 3-1-2019 to 6-15-2019 at SMC dealers.

SMC is asking consumers to immediately stop using the Kobah Ice Axe, and SMC will help make arrangements for their return and refund.

If you own a Kobah Ice Axe subject to this recall:

- Stop use immediately.
- Contact SMC (see contact information below).
- SMC will schedule a full refund.

Please email SMC at customerservice@smcgear.com, call 1(800)426-6251, or go to our website (<https://smcgear.com/ice-axe-return-form.html>) and download the "ICE AXE RETURN" form to report your warranty claim and obtain a UPS call tag for pick-up.



UPDATE 01/01/2020:

SMC has introduced and implemented needed changes to the Kobah Ice Axe to resolve referenced issue.

ALL KOBDAH AXES HAVE BEEN RETRURED AND REPAIRED PER THIS NOTICE.

An update to the axes was made to ensure that the issue of shaft separation from head/pick will not occur. This fix can be determined by recognizing a rivet in the shaft at the base and head (see images below).

Any questions or concerns can be sent to: customerservice@smcgear.com.

