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### **Consumers Should Check for Recalled Peanut Butter**

A recalled peanut butter product may be on local store shelves, and health inspectors are asking consumers to be aware.

Earlier this week, Sunland, Inc. announced a voluntary recall for a variety of peanut butter-based and related products due to confirmed cases of salmonella. These kinds of voluntary product recalls are not uncommon and are a result of a system put into place to safeguard consumers from illness. Typically, this process catches potentially contaminated products well upstream of their appearance on store shelves, and that is what has happened with the vast majority of the Sunland products that are part of this recall.

However, food inspectors with the Springfield-Greene County Health Department have found one particular product on some store shelves, which is why the department is asking consumers to be check their shelves at home.

The product:

- 16 oz. containers of Naturally More Peanut Butter, Gluten Free Vegan, with use by dates between May 1, 2013 and Sept. 24, 2013.

The voluntary recall was initiated after 29 people reported Salmonella Bredeney PFGE matching illnesses in approximately 18 states, including Missouri. No local cases have been reported.

These products may be contaminated with salmonella, an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and those with weakened immune systems. Healthy people infected with salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain.

The recall is being conducted in cooperation with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Consumers can contact Sunland, Inc., at 1-866-837-1018, which is operational 24 hours a day, for information on the recall. In addition, a consumer services representative is available Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. at (575) 356-6638.

Check the full announcement at the FDA web page for specific information on the affected product: [www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm320818.htm](http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm320818.htm)

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