

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

**EDWARD BRISCOE, individually and on  
behalf of all others similarly situated,**

*Plaintiff,*

v.

**THREE61 LLC**

*Defendant.*

Case No.: 8:25-cv-00230

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

Plaintiff Edward Briscoe (“Plaintiff”) brings this Class Action Complaint against Defendant, Three61 LLC, (“Defendant”) individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, and alleges, upon personal knowledge as to Plaintiff’s own actions and to counsels’ investigation, and upon information and belief as to all other matters, as follows:

**NATURE OF THE ACTION**

1. Plaintiff brings this class action lawsuit on behalf of themselves, and all others similarly situated who purchased the Samurai Mini Smoke Alarms<sup>1</sup> (the “Product”) because they can malfunction and fail to alert consumers of a fire, posing a risk of smoke inhalation or death.
2. The product is formulated, designed, manufactured, advertised, sold, and distributed by Defendant or its agents to consumers, including Plaintiff, across the United States.
3. The product is described as follows: Samurai-branded mini smoke alarms, model number SM1. The white and silver plastic smoke alarms measure about 2.5 by 2.5 by 2.5 inches.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2025/Three61-Recalls-Samurai-Mini-Smoke-Alarms-Due-to-Failure-to-Alert-Consumers-to-a-Fire-Sold-Exclusively-by-HSN> (last accessed on January 17, 2025)

They were sold in packs of two or three alarms and came with lithium-ion batteries, adhesive stickers, screws, mounting plates and an instruction manual. “Smoke” appears on the front of the alarm below a button and “installed on” on the back. The model number is located on the product packaging.<sup>2</sup>

4. Each of the products was manufactured by Defendant, distributed to other corporations and then sold to consumers across the United States. The Product was sold through HSN nationwide and online at HSN.com from July 2020 through November 2024 for between forty dollars (\$40.00) and fifty dollars (\$50.00).<sup>3</sup>

5. Through marketing and sale, Defendant represented that the Product is safe and effective for its intended use as a mini smoke alarm.

6. Other manufacturers formulate, produce, and sell non defective smoke alarms with formulations and production methods that do not cause the product to malfunction and fail to alert consumers of a fire, posing a risk of smoke inhalation or death<sup>4</sup> (the “Malfunction Defect”).

7. Feasible alternative formulations, designs, and materials are currently available and were available to Defendant at the time the Product was formulated, designed, and manufactured.

8. At the time of their purchases, Defendant didn’t notify Plaintiff and similarly situated consumers, of the Product’s risk of malfunction through the product labels, instructions, other packaging, advertising, or in any other manner, in violation of the state and federal law.

9. Plaintiff purchased the Product while lacking the knowledge that the Product could malfunction and pose a risk of smoke inhalation or death to those who use the product.

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<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

10. Because Plaintiff and all consumers purchased the worthless and dangerous Product, which they purchased under the presumption that the Product was safe, they have suffered losses.

11. As a result of the above losses, Plaintiff seeks damages and equitable remedies.

### **PARTIES**

12. Plaintiff Edward Briscoe is a resident and citizen of Las Vegas, Nevada and purchased the product on or around 2024.

13. Defendant Three61 LLC is a company with a principal place of business on 36181 East Lake Road #179; Palm Harbor, FL 34685. Defendant is a company that operates the manufacture and retail of smoke alarms and does business in every state.

14. Upon information and belief, the planning and execution of the advertising, marketing, labeling, packaging, testing, and/or corporate operations concerning the Product, and the claims alleged herein was primarily carried out at Defendant's headquarters and facilities.

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

15. This Court has subject jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332 of the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005 because: (i) there are 100 or more putative Class Member, (ii) the aggregate amount in controversy exceeds \$5,000,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs, and (iii) there is minimal diversity because Plaintiff and Defendant are citizens of different states.

16. This Court has supplemental jurisdiction over Plaintiff's state law claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367.

17. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because Defendant purposefully availed itself to the laws, rights, and benefits of the State of Florida. Defendants

engaged in activities including (i) directly and/or through its parent companies, affiliates and/or agents providing services throughout (ii) conducting substantial business in this forum; and/or (iii) engaging in other persistent courses of conduct and/or deriving substantial revenue from services provided in Florida and in this Judicial District.

18. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391 because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the Classes' claims occurred in this District. The Defendant sells and distributes their Product throughout the United States and in this District.

### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

19. Plaintiff Edward Briscoe bought a Samurai- Branded Mini Smoke Alarm, model number SM1 for personal household use on or around 2024.

20. Defendant is a well-established corporation known for its production, distribution, and importation of smoke alarms related products, including the Product at hand.

#### **The Products**

21. The Product at hand is a smoke alarm made for safe daily use.

22. Unfortunately, the Product has a risk of malfunctioning and failing to alert consumers of a fire, posing a risk of smoke inhalation or death.

23. In more detail, these products are mini smoke alarms, as seen below:





Recalled Samurai Mini Smoke Alarm – Packaging



**Defendant's Misrepresentations and Omissions are Actionable**

24. Plaintiff bargained for a smoke alarm that was safe to use. Defendant's Product was, and still is, unsafe due to the malfunction that can be found in the Product that can pose a risk of smoke inhalation or death due to not being able to alert consumers of a fire.

25. As a result of the malfunction defect, Plaintiff, and all others similarly situated, were deprived the basis of their bargain given that Defendant sold them a product containing a dangerous defect.

26. The dangerous malfunction defect inherent to the Product renders them unmerchantable and unfit for their normal intended use as a safe to use smoke alarm.

27. The Product is not fit for its intended use by humans as they expose consumers to a risk of smoke inhalation or death.

28. Plaintiff seeks to recover damages because the Product is adulterated, defective, worthless, and unfit for safe human use due to the malfunction defect contained within the Product.

29. Defendant engaged in fraudulent, unfair, deceptive, misleading, and/or unlawful conduct stemming from its omissions surrounding the risk of malfunction defect affecting the Product.

30. Indeed, no reasonable consumer, including Plaintiff, would have purchased the Product had they known of the material omissions of material facts regarding the possibility of risk of smoke inhalation or death

31. Plaintiff intended to buy a smoke alarm for normal household use but instead received a product with a malfunction defect that poses a risk of smoke inhalation or death.

32. Nowhere on the Product's packaging did Defendant disclose that the Product could present a risk of smoke inhalation or death.

33. If Plaintiff had been aware of the risk of smoke inhalation or death in the Product, they would not have purchased the Product or would have paid significantly less.

34. As a result of Defendant's actions, Plaintiff has incurred damages.

### **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

35. Plaintiff brings this case as a class action pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23(a), 23(b)(2) and or 23(c)(4), individually, and as the Class representatives on behalf of the following:

**Nationwide Class:** All persons within the United States who purchased the recalled Samurai-branded mini smoke alarms, model number SM1 from July 2020 through November 2024.

**Florida Subclass:** All persons within the state of Florida who purchased the recalled Samurai-branded mini smoke alarms, model number SM1 from July 2020 through November 2024.

**Nevada Subclass:** All persons within the state of Nevada who purchased the recalled Samurai-branded mini smoke alarms, model number SM1 from July 2020 through November 2024.

36. The Nationwide Class, the Florida Subclass and the Nevada Subclass shall collectively be referred to herein as the "Class" or "Class Members".

37. Plaintiff reserves the right to amend the Class definitions if further investigation and discovery indicate that the Class definitions should be narrowed, expanded, or otherwise modified.

38. Excluded from the Classes are the following individuals and/or entities: Defendants and Defendants' parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers and directors, and any entity in which



Defendants have a controlling interest; all individuals who make a timely election to be excluded from this proceeding using the correct protocol for opting out; and all judges assigned to hear any aspect of this litigation, as well as their immediate family.

39. This action has been brought and may be maintained as a class action under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23.

40. **Numerosity** – Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a)(1). The Class numbers at least in the thousands of persons. As a result, joinder of all Class members in a single action is impracticable. Class members may be informed of the pendency of this class action through a variety of means, including, but not limited to, direct mail, email, published notice, and website posting.

41. **Existence and Predominance of Common Questions of Law and Fact** – Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23(a)(2) and 23(b)(3). There are questions of fact and law common to the Classes that predominate over any question affecting only individual members. Those questions, each of which may also be certified under Rule 23(c)(4), include without limitation:

- a. Whether Defendant negligently failed to exercise reasonable care in the formulation, design, manufacturing, promotion, marketing, advertising, packaging, labeling, distribution, and/or sale the Product;
- b. Whether Defendant sold the defective Product, that were unreasonably dangerous to consumers such as Plaintiff and members of the Class;
- c. Whether Defendant failed to adequately warn Plaintiff and the Class of the dangers with respect to the defective Product;
- d. Whether Defendant was negligent for failure to warn;
- e. Whether Plaintiff and the Class suffered Damages as a result of the defective Product;
- f. Whether Defendant was negligent for failure to test;
- g. Whether Defendant's advertising, merchandising, and promotional materials directed to Plaintiff were deceptive regarding the risks posed by Defendant's Product;

- h. Whether Defendant made representations regarding the safety of the Product;
- i. Whether Defendant omitted material information regarding the safety of the Product;
- j. Whether Defendant's Product was merchantable;
- k. Whether Defendant violated the consumer protection statutes invoked herein;
- l. Whether Defendant's conduct alleged herein was fraudulent; and
- m. Whether Defendant was unjustly enriched by sales of the Products.

42. The questions set forth above predominate over any questions affecting only individual persons concerning sales of Defendant's Products throughout the United States and a class action is superior with respect to considerations of consistency, economy, efficiency, fairness, and equity to the other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of Plaintiff's claims.

43. **Typicality** – Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a)(3). Plaintiff's claims are typical of those of the Class in that the Class members uniformly purchased Defendant's Product and were subjected to Defendant's uniform merchandising materials and representations at the time of purchase.

44. **Superiority** – Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(b)(3). A class action is the appropriate method for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy. The presentation of separate incompatible standards of conduct for Defendant, and/or substantially impair or impede the ability of Class members to protect their interests. In addition, it would be impracticable and undesirable for each member of the Classes who suffered an economic loss to bring a separate action. The maintenance of separate actions would place a substantial and unnecessary burden on the courts and could result in inconsistent adjudications, while a single class action can determine, with judicial economy, the rights of all Class members.

45. **Adequacy** – Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a)(4). Plaintiff is an adequate representative of the Class because they are members of the Class, and their interests do not conflict with the interests of the Class that they seek to represent. The interests of the members of the Class will be fairly and adequately protected by Plaintiff and undersigned counsel.

46. **Insufficiency of Separate Actions** – Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(b)(1). Absent a representative class action, members of the Class would continue to suffer the harm described herein, for which they would have no remedy. Even if separate actions could be brought by individual consumers, the resulting multiplicity of lawsuits would cause undue burden and expense for both the Court and the litigants, as well as create a risk of inconsistent rulings and adjudications that might be dispositive of the interests of similarly situated purchasers, substantially impeding their ability to protect their interests, while establishing incompatible standards of conduct for Defendant. The proposed Class thus satisfy the requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(1). Counsel is experienced in the litigation of civil matters, including the prosecution of consumer protection class action cases.

47. **Declaratory and Injunctive Relief** – Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(b)(2). Defendant has acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to Plaintiff and the other Class Members as described below, with respect to the members of the Class as a whole. Plaintiff seeks to certify Class to enjoin Defendant from selling or otherwise distributing the Product as labeled until such time that Defendant can demonstrate to the Court's satisfaction that the Product confers the advertised benefits and are otherwise safe to use as intended

48. Additionally, the Class may be certified under Rule 23(b)(1) and/or (b)(2) because:

- a. The prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the Classes would create a risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to individual members of the Class that would establish incompatible standards of conduct for the Defendant;
- b. The prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the Classes would create a risk of adjudications with respect to them which would, as a practical matter, be dispositive of the interests of other members of the Classes not parties to the adjudications, or substantially impair or impede their ability to protect their interests; and/or
- c. Defendant has acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the Classes, thereby making appropriate final and injunctive relief with respect to the members of the Classes as a whole.

### **CAUSES OF ACTION**

#### **COUNT I**

**Violation of the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act (FDUTPA) Florida Statutes §§ 501.201- 501.213  
(On Behalf of Plaintiff and Classes)**

49. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1-48 as if fully set forth herein.
50. Plaintiff brings this count on behalf of himself and the Classes.
51. Defendant's deceptive marketing of the Product, failure to disclose its defects, and failure to issue a timely recall, constitutes a violation of FDUTPA, Florida Statutes § 501.201 et seq., which prohibits unfair methods of competition, unconscionable acts or practices, and deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce.
52. Defendant's actions have caused Plaintiff and other consumers to suffer economic loss and damages, as well as placing consumers at risk for personal injury due to the Product's failure to notify consumers during a fire or smoke emergency.

53. Defendant advertised and sold the Product as a reliable and effective safety product for consumers to use in their homes and businesses to detect smoke and provide early warnings in the event of a fire.

54. The Product was represented as functional, life-saving devices that would activate reliably in the presence of smoke.

55. However, the Product was defectively designed, such that it failed to activate during smoke exposure, thus failing to perform as advertised.

56. Specifically, Defendant made the following deceptive representations in the packaging of the smoke alarm: “SAMURAI SAFE SMART SECURE” and “DESIGNED TO PROTECT WHAT YOU LOVE”.

57. These representations were false, misleading, and deceptive because the Product didn’t perform as described, and consumers were misled into believing that the alarms would activate as expected in the event of a fire or smoke hazard.

58. Defendant was aware, or should have been aware, of the defect in the Product, namely the failure of the alarms to activate and notify consumers in the presence of smoke.

59. Despite this knowledge, Defendant failed to disclose the defect to consumers, either through labeling, advertising, or direct communication. Instead, Defendant continued to sell and distribute the defective Product without any warning or notification to consumers about the potential safety risk.

60. Defendant’s failure to disclose this material defect constitutes a violation of FDUTPA, as Defendant’s omission of the critical information regarding the Product’s failure to activate deprived consumers of the ability to make an informed purchasing decision. Consumers

were unaware of the risk associated with using the smoke alarm, which could result in catastrophic harm if the alarm failed during an actual emergency.

61. Despite receiving reports from consumers about the Product's malfunction defect, Defendant continued to sell and distribute the defective Products failing to issue a timely recall or take appropriate corrective action.

62. Defendant's decision to delay or refuse to recall the Product constitutes an unfair practice under FDUTPA, as it placed consumers at significant risk of harm, while Defendant continued to profit from the sale of the defective alarms.

63. Defendant's unfair conduct further harmed consumers, as they were not notified of the defect in timely manner, thus depriving them of an opportunity to return or exchange the Product before it could pose a risk to their safety.

64. As a result of Defendant's violation of the FDUTPA, Plaintiff and each Class Member suffered and continues to suffer financial damage and injury, and are entitled to all damages, in addition to costs, interest and fees, including attorneys' fees, as allowed by law

**COUNT II**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(On behalf of the Nationwide Class and, alternatively, the Classes)**

65. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1-48 as if fully set forth herein.

66. Plaintiff, and the other members of the Classes, conferred benefits on Defendant in the form of monies paid to purchase Defendant's defective and worthless Products. These monies were no gifts or donations but were given in exchange for the Products.

67. Defendant voluntarily accepted and retained these benefits.

68. Because this benefit was obtained unlawfully, namely by selling and accepting compensation for a Product unfit for human use, it would be unjust and inequitable for Defendant to retain the benefit without paying the value thereof.

69. Defendant received benefits in the form of revenues from purchases of the Product to the detriment of Plaintiff, and the other members of the Classes, because Plaintiff, and members of the Classes, purchased mislabeled products that were not what Plaintiff and the Classes bargained for and were not safe and effective, as claimed.

70. Defendant has been unjustly enriched in retaining the revenues derived from the purchases of the Product by Plaintiff and the other members of the Classes. Retention of those monies under these circumstances is unjust and inequitable because Defendant's labeling of the Product was misleading to consumers, which caused injuries to Plaintiff, and members of the Classes, because they would have not purchased the Product had they known the true facts.

71. Because Defendant's retention of the non-gratuitous benefits conferred on them by Plaintiff and members of the Classes is unjust and inequitable, Defendant must pay restitution to Plaintiff and members of the Classes for its unjust enrichment, as ordered by the Court.

**COUNT III**

**Breach of Express Warranty**

**(On behalf of the Nationwide Class and, alternatively, the Classes)**

72. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1-48 as if fully set forth herein.

73. Plaintiff, and each member of the Classes, formed a contract with Defendant at the time they purchased the Product.

74. The terms of the contract include the promises and affirmations of fact, that the Product was safe to use, made by Defendant on the Product's packaging and through marketing and advertising.

75. This labeling, marketing, and advertising constitute express warranties and became part of the basis of the bargain and are part of the standardized contract between Plaintiff and the members of the Classes and Defendant.

76. As set forth above, Defendant purports through its advertising, labeling, marketing, and packaging, to create an express warranty that the Product is safe to use by people of all ages and genders.

77. Plaintiff and the members of the Classes performed all conditions precedent to Defendant's liability under this contract when they purchased the Product.

78. Defendant breached express warranties relating to the Product and their qualities because Defendant's Product possessed the capability to pose a risk to consumers at the time of purchase and the Product does not conform to Defendant's affirmations and promises described above.

79. Plaintiff and each of the members of the Classes would not have purchased the Product had they known the true nature of Product's malfunction defect possibly harming those who used the Product.

80. As a result of Defendant's breach of warranty, Plaintiff and each Class Member suffered and continues to suffer financial damage and injury, and are entitled to all damages, in addition to costs, interest and fees, including attorneys' fees, as allowed by law.

**COUNT IV**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(On behalf of the Nationwide Class and, alternatively, the Classes)**

81. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1-48 as if fully set forth herein.



82. Defendant is engaged in the business of manufacturing, constructing, making, selling, distributing, labeling, advertising, retailing, and/or otherwise placing the Product into the stream of commerce.

83. The Product is a “good” under the relevant laws, and Defendant knew or had reason to know of the specific use for which the Product, as a good, was purchased.

84. Defendant’s warranty expressly applies to the purchaser of the Product, creating privity between Defendant, Plaintiff and Class Members.

85. However, privity is not required because Plaintiff and Class Members are the intended beneficiaries of Defendant’s warranties and its sale through retailers. Defendant’s retailers were not intended to be the ultimate consumers of the Product and have no rights under the warranty agreements. Defendant’s warranties were designed for and intended to benefit the consumer only, including Plaintiff and Class Members.

86. Defendant has been provided sufficient notice of its breaches of implied warranties associated with the Product. Defendant was put on constructive notice of its breach through its review of consumer complaints and other reports.

87. Had Plaintiff, Class Members, and the consuming public known that the Product could cause harm, they would not have purchased the Product or would have paid less for it.

88. As a direct and proximate result of the foregoing, Plaintiff and Class Members suffered and continue to suffer financial damage and injury, and are entitled to all damages, in addition to costs, interest and fees, including attorneys’ fees, as allowed by law.

**COUNT V**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty of Merchantability**  
**(On behalf of the Nationwide Class and, alternatively, the Classes)**

89. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1-48 as if fully set forth herein.

90. Defendant is a merchant engaging in the sale of goods to Plaintiff and the Classes.

91. There was a sale of goods from Defendant to Plaintiff and the Classes.

92. As the developer, manufacturer, marketer, distributor, and/or seller of the defective Product, Defendant impliedly warranted to Plaintiff and the Classes that its Product was fit for their intended purpose in that they would be safe for Plaintiff and the Classes to consume. Contrary to these representations and warranties, the Product is not fit for their ordinary use, and did not conform to Defendant's affirmations of fact and promises included with the packaging.

93. The implied warranty of merchantability included with the sale of each Product means that Defendant guaranteed that the Product would be fit for the ordinary purposes for which smoke alarms are used and sold and were not otherwise injurious to consumers. The implied warranty of merchantability is part of the basis for the benefit of the bargain between Defendant, Plaintiff and the Class Members.

94. Defendant breached the implied warranty of merchantability because the Product is not fit for its ordinary purpose of providing reasonably safe for use Smoke Alarms because the Product posed a risk of smoke inhalation or death. Therefore, the Product is not fit for its particular purpose.

95. Defendant breached the implied warranty in the contract for the sale of the Product by knowingly selling to Plaintiff and the Classes a product that Defendant knew would expose Plaintiff and the Classes to health risks or even death, thus meaning Defendant knew that the Product was not fit for its intended use as a safe to use Smoke Alarm.

96. Defendant was on notice of this breach, as they were made aware of the malfunction defect that can pose a risk of smoke inhalation or death that can result from the use of their Product.

97. Plaintiff and the Classes did not receive the goods as bargained for because the goods they received were not merchantable as they did not conform to the ordinary standards for goods of the same average grade, quality, and value.

98. Plaintiff and members of the Classes are the intended beneficiaries of Defendant's implied warranties.

99. The Products were not altered by Plaintiff or the members of the Classes.

100. Plaintiff and members of the Classes used the Products in the ordinary way such Smoke Alarms were intended to be used.

101. The Products were defective when they left the exclusive control of Defendant.

102. The Products were defectively designed and/or manufactured and unfit for their intended purpose as safe to use Smoke Alarms, and Plaintiff and members of the Classes did not receive the goods that they bargained for.

103. Plaintiff and members of the Classes purchased the Products that contained the Defect, which was undiscoverable by them at the time of purchase and at any time during the class period.

104. As a result of the defect in the Products, Plaintiff and members of the Classes have suffered damages including, but not limited to, the cost of the defective product, loss of use of the product and other related damage.

105. Defendant breached the implied warranty of merchantability to the Plaintiff and Class members.

106. Thus, Defendant's attempt to limit or disclaim the implied warranties in a manner that would exclude coverage of the Defect is unenforceable and void.

107. Plaintiff and Class members have been damaged by Defendant's breach of the implied warranties.

108. Plaintiff and Class members have suffered damages in an amount to be determined at trial and are entitled to any incidental, consequential, and other damages and other legal and equitable relief, as well as costs and attorneys' fees, available under law.

**COUNT VI**  
**Fraudulent Concealment**  
**(On behalf of the Nationwide Class and, alternatively, the Classes)**

109. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1-48 as if fully set forth herein.

110. Defendant aimed to portray the Product as safe for frequent and repeated use and omitted key facts concerning the malfunction defect that poses a risk of smoke inhalation or death due to the use of the Products.

111. Defendant, acting through its representatives or agents, delivered the Product to its distributors and through other channels to consumers, including the Plaintiff and Class Members.

112. Defendant, as the owner, manufacturer, marketer, and seller of the Products, had a duty to disclose because of Defendant's exclusive and/or superior knowledge concerning the Products. Defendant owed Plaintiff and Class Members a duty to disclose because the risks associated with the defective products were known and/or accessible exclusively to Defendant, who had superior knowledge of the facts; because the facts would be material to consumers; because the Defendant actively concealed or understated them; because the Defendant intended for consumers to rely on the omissions in question; and because Defendant made partial representations concerning the same subject matter as the omitted facts. Furthermore, because the Product poses an unreasonable risk of substantial bodily

injury, Defendant was under a continuous duty to disclose that the Products contained a defect known to cause harm, to whoever uses it.

113. Defendant willfully and knowingly omitted material information regarding the quality and safety of the Products as discussed herein. Defendant countenanced these material omissions to boost or maintain sales of the Product, and to create a false assurance that prolonged loyalty to Defendant's brand—the continued use of the Product—would not place consumers in danger. The omitted information and partial representations were material to consumers because they play a significant role in determining the value of the Product at the time of purchase.

114. During this time, Plaintiff, and members of the Classes, were using the Products without knowing the Products could harm them due to the defect in the smoke alarm.

115. Defendant failed to discharge its duty to disclose these materials facts.

116. Although Defendant had a duty to ensure the accuracy of the information regarding the Products because such information was within the exclusive knowledge of Defendant and because the information pertains to serious health issues, Defendant failed to satisfy its duty.

117. Defendant engaged in fraudulent and deceptive conduct by devising and executing a scheme to deceptively convey that their products were safe. Defendant's actions were done to gain a commercial advantage over competitors, and to drive consumers, like the Plaintiff and Class Members, away from purchasing a competitor's product.

118. Plaintiff and the Classes reasonably relied on Defendant's failure to disclose insofar as they would not have purchased the defective Products manufactured and sold by Defendant had they known they possessed this risk of harming them.

119. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendant's fraudulent concealment, Plaintiff, and the Classes, suffered damages in the amount of monies paid for the defective Products.

120. Plaintiff and the Class Members have suffered damages in an amount to be determined at trial that, among other things, refunds the amount Plaintiff and the Class Members paid for the Product, awards medical monitoring expenses, costs, interest and attorneys' fees.

## **COUNT VII**

### **Strict Liability- Failure to Warn (On behalf of the Nationwide Class and, alternatively, the Classes)**

121. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1-48 as if fully set forth herein.

122. Defendant had a duty to warn Plaintiff and the Class members regarding the Defect, that being posing a risk of smoke inhalation or death, within the Product.

123. Defendant, which is engaged in the business of selling, manufacturing and supplying the Product, placed it into the stream of commerce in a defective and unreasonably dangerous condition such that the foreseeable risks exceeded the benefits associated with the design and/or formulation of the Product.

124. The Product supplied to Plaintiff and Class Members was defective in design and formulation and unreasonably dangerous when they left the hands of Defendant and reached consumers, including Plaintiff and Class Members, without substantial alteration in the condition in which they were sold.

125. Defendant was in a superior position to know of the Defect, yet as outlined above, chose to do nothing when the defect became known to them.

126. Defendant failed to provide adequate warnings regarding the risks of the Product after knowledge of the Defect was known only to them.

127. Defendant had information regarding the true risks but failed to warn Plaintiff and members of the Classes to strengthen their warnings.

128. Despite their knowledge of the Defect and obligation to unilaterally strengthen the warnings, Defendant instead chose to actively conceal this knowledge from the public.

129. Plaintiff and members of the Classes would not have purchased, chosen, and/or paid for all or part of the Products if they knew of the Defect and the risks of purchasing the Products.

130. This Defect proximately caused Plaintiff and Class members' damages.

131. The Plaintiff and Class members have suffered damages in an amount to be determined at trial and are entitled to any incidental, consequential, and other damages and other legal and equitable relief, as well as costs and attorneys' fees, available under law.

**COUNT VIII**  
**Strict Liability- Design and Formulation Defect**  
**(On behalf of the Nationwide Class and, Classes)**

132. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1-48 as if fully set forth herein.

133. The design and formulation of the Product was defective and unreasonably dangerous.

134. The posing risk of smoke inhalation or death contained within the Product creates unreasonable danger.

135. The design and formulation of the Product rendered it not reasonably fit, suitable, or safe for their intended purpose.

136. The posing risk of smoke inhalation or death contained within the Product outweighed the benefits and rendered the Product unreasonably dangerous.

137. Defendant's Products were defective because the design and formulation of the Products included a defect which could pose a risk of smoke inhalation or death. After Defendant knew or should have known of the risk of smoke inhalation or death found in the Product, Defendant continued to promote the Product as safe and effective to the Plaintiff, Class Members, and public.

138. There are other Smoke Alarms that do not pose the risk of fire hazard, meaning that there were other means of production available to Defendant.

139. The Product is unreasonably unsafe, and the Product should not have been sold in the market.

140. The Product did not perform as an ordinary consumer would expect.

141. The Defendant's negligent design/formulation of the Product is the proximate cause of damages to the Plaintiff and the Class members.

142. Plaintiff and Class members have suffered damages in an amount to be determined at trial and are entitled to any incidental, consequential, and other damages and other legal and equitable relief, as well as cost and attorneys' fees, available under law.

**COUNT IX**

**Negligent Failure to Warn**

**(On behalf of the Nationwide Class and, alternatively, the Classes)**

143. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1-48 as if fully set forth herein.

144. Defendant owed Plaintiff and Class members a duty of care and to warn of any risks associated with the Product.

145. Defendant knew or should have known of the defect but failed to warn Plaintiff and Members of the Classes.

146. Plaintiff had no way of knowing of the Product's latent defect.



147. Defendant's failure to warn caused Plaintiff and Class members economic damages and injuries in the form of lost value due to the risk of smoke inhalation or death.

148. Plaintiff and Class members have suffered damages in an amount to be determined at trial and are entitled to any incidental, consequential, and other damages and other legal and equitable relief, as well as cost and attorneys' fees, available under law.

**COUNT X**  
**Negligent Design & Formulation Defect**  
**(On behalf of the Nationwide Class and, alternatively, the Classes)**

149. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1-48 as if fully set forth herein.

150. Defendant owed Plaintiff and the Classes a duty to design and formulate the Product in a reasonable manner.

151. The design and formulation of the Products was defective and unreasonably dangerous, causing exposure to a material with harmful effects. Thus, the Product is now worthless.

152. The design and formulation of the Product caused them to not be fit, suitable, or safe for their intended purpose. The dangers of the Product outweighed the benefits and rendered the product unreasonably dangerous.

153. There are other Smoke Alarms that do not expose the consumers to a risk smoke inhalation or death.

154. The risk/benefit profile of the Product was unreasonable, and the Product should have had stronger and clearer warnings or should not have been sold in the market.

155. The Defendant's negligent design/formulation of the Product was the proximate cause of damages to the Plaintiff and the Class members.

156. Plaintiff and Class members have suffered damages in an amount to be determined at trial and are entitled to any incidental, consequential, and other damages and other legal and equitable relief, as well as cost and attorneys' fees, available under law.

**COUNT XI**  
**Negligence**  
**(On behalf of the Nationwide Class and, alternatively, the Classes)**

157. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1-48 as if fully set forth herein.

158. Defendant owed a duty to consumers to produce a product that was safe for its intended use.

159. Defendant breached this duty by producing a product that was dangerous for its intended use. Defendant knew or should have known that defective Smoke Alarms would cause injuries once exposed to humans and thus be worthless as safe-to-use Products.

160. As a direct result of this breach, Plaintiff suffered injury in that Plaintiff has been deprived of their benefit of the bargain. Plaintiff's injuries were caused in fact by Defendant's breach. But for Defendant's negligent manufacture and improper oversight, Plaintiff would not have been injured.

161. Further, Plaintiff's injuries were proximately caused by Defendant's breach. It is foreseeable that poorly designed and formulated Smoke Alarms would cause injury, and it is foreseeable that a user would lose their benefit of the bargain if they purchased dangerous Products.

162. Plaintiff and Class members have suffered damages in an amount to be determined at trial and are entitled to any incidental, consequential, and other damages and other legal and equitable relief, as well as cost and attorneys' fees, available under law.

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of the other members of the Classes, alleged herein, respectfully requests that the Court enter judgment in his favor and against Defendant as follows:

- a. For an order certifying the Classes under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and naming Plaintiff as the representative for the Classes and Plaintiff's attorney as Class Counsel;
- b. For an order declaring the Defendant's conduct violates the causes of action referenced herein;
- c. For an order finding in favor of Plaintiff and the Classes on all counts asserted herein;
- d. For compensatory, statutory, and punitive damages in amounts to be determined by the Court and/or jury;
- e. For prejudgment interest on all amounts awarded;
- f. For an order of restitution and all other forms of equitable monetary relief;
- g. For injunctive relief as pleaded or as the Court may deem proper; and
- h. For an order awarding Plaintiff and the Classes their reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses and costs of suit.
- i. Such other relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Dated: January 28, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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CIVIL COVER SHEET

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS
EDWARD BRISCOE, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,
(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Clark County, Nevada
(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)
Joshua R. Jacobson
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DEFENDANTS
County of Residence of First Listed Defendant THREE61 LLC
NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.
Attorneys (If Known)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)
1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
2 U.S. Government Defendant
3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)
PTF DEF
Citizen of This State 1 1
Citizen of Another State 2 2
Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country 3 3
Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State 4 4
Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State 5 5
Foreign Nation 6 6

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)
CONTRACT: 110 Insurance, 120 Marine, 130 Miller Act, 140 Negotiable Instrument, 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment, 151 Medicare Act, 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excludes Veterans), 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits, 160 Stockholders' Suits, 190 Other Contract, 195 Contract Product Liability, 196 Franchise
TORTS: PERSONAL INJURY: 310 Airplane, 315 Airplane Product Liability, 320 Assault, Libel & Slander, 330 Federal Employers' Liability, 340 Marine, 345 Marine Product Liability, 350 Motor Vehicle, 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability, 360 Other Personal Injury, 362 Personal Injury - Medical Malpractice; PERSONAL INJURY: 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability, 367 Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability, 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability; PERSONAL PROPERTY: 370 Other Fraud, 371 Truth in Lending, 380 Other Personal Property Damage, 385 Property Damage Product Liability
FORFEITURE/PENALTY: 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881, 690 Other
LABOR: 710 Fair Labor Standards Act, 720 Labor/Management Relations, 740 Railway Labor Act, 751 Family and Medical Leave Act, 790 Other Labor Litigation, 791 Employee Retirement Income Security Act
IMMIGRATION: 462 Naturalization Application, 465 Other Immigration Actions
BANKRUPTCY: 422 Appeal 28 USC 158, 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS: 820 Copyrights, 830 Patent, 835 Patent - Abbreviated New Drug Application, 840 Trademark, 880 Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016
SOCIAL SECURITY: 861 HIA (1395ff), 862 Black Lung (923), 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)), 864 SSID Title XVI, 865 RSI (405(g))
FEDERAL TAX SUITS: 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant), 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609
OTHER STATUTES: 375 False Claims Act, 376 Qui Tam (31 USC 3729(a)), 400 State Reapportionment, 410 Antitrust, 430 Banks and Banking, 450 Commerce, 460 Deportation, 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations, 480 Consumer Credit (15 USC 1681 or 1692), 485 Telephone Consumer Protection Act, 490 Cable/Sat TV, 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange, 890 Other Statutory Actions, 891 Agricultural Acts, 893 Environmental Matters, 895 Freedom of Information Act, 896 Arbitration, 899 Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision, 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes

V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)
1 Original Proceeding
2 Removed from State Court
3 Remanded from Appellate Court
4 Reinstated or Reopened
5 Transferred from Another District (specify)
6 Multidistrict Litigation - Transfer
8 Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION
Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity): 28 USC 1332
Brief description of cause: Class Action due to recall of Smoke Alarm

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:
[X] CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P. DEMAND \$ 5,000,000
CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint: JURY DEMAND: [X] Yes [ ] No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY (See instructions): JUDGE DOCKET NUMBER

DATE 01/28/2025 SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD /s/ Joshua Jacobson

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
RECEIPT # AMOUNT APPLYING IFP JUDGE MAG. JUDGE

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44**

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- I.(a) Plaintiffs-Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
- (b) County of Residence.** For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
- (c) Attorneys.** Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- II. Jurisdiction.** The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.Cv.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.
- United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here. United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.
- Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.
- Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; **NOTE: federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.**)
- III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties.** This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. Nature of Suit.** Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If there are multiple nature of suit codes associated with the case, pick the nature of suit code that is most applicable. Click here for: [Nature of Suit Code Descriptions](#).
- V. Origin.** Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.
- Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.
- Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441.
- Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.
- Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.
- Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.
- Multidistrict Litigation – Transfer. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407.
- Multidistrict Litigation – Direct File. (8) Check this box when a multidistrict case is filed in the same district as the Master MDL docket.
- PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NOT AN ORIGIN CODE 7.** Origin Code 7 was used for historical records and is no longer relevant due to changes in statute.
- VI. Cause of Action.** Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. **Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.** Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service.
- VII. Requested in Complaint.** Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.
- Demand. In this space enter the actual dollar amount being demanded or indicate other demand, such as a preliminary injunction.
- Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.
- VIII. Related Cases.** This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related cases, if any. If there are related cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

**Date and Attorney Signature.** Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Middle District of Florida

EDWARD BRISCOE, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff(s)

v.

THREE61 LLC

Defendant(s)

Civil Action No.

SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: (Defendant's name and address) THREE61 LLC
36181 East Lake Road #179;
Palm Harbor, FL 34685

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are:

Joshua R. Jacobson
JACOBSON PHILLIPS PLLC
478 E. Altamonte Dr., Ste 108-570
Altamonte Springs, Florida 32701

If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

CLERK OF COURT

Date:

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

*(This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 (l))*

This summons for *(name of individual and title, if any)* \_\_\_\_\_  
was received by me on *(date)* \_\_\_\_\_ .

I personally served the summons on the individual at *(place)* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ on *(date)* \_\_\_\_\_ ; or

I left the summons at the individual's residence or usual place of abode with *(name)* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, a person of suitable age and discretion who resides there,  
on *(date)* \_\_\_\_\_ , and mailed a copy to the individual's last known address; or

I served the summons on *(name of individual)* \_\_\_\_\_ , who is  
designated by law to accept service of process on behalf of *(name of organization)* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ on *(date)* \_\_\_\_\_ ; or

I returned the summons unexecuted because \_\_\_\_\_ ; or

Other *(specify)*: \_\_\_\_\_

My fees are \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for travel and \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for services, for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0.00 \_\_\_\_\_ .

I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Server's signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Printed name and title*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Server's address*

Additional information regarding attempted service, etc: