

Duragesic Pain Patch Recall Information

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Legal Guide

On April 5th, 2004, Janssen Pharmaceutica Products, L.P. announced that it was recalling over two million Duragesic® pain control patches due to a potentially deadly defect. The recall was for all 75 mcg. patches with the following lot numbers: 0327192, 0327193, 0327294, 0327295 and 0330362. [Click here to see the photos showing the location of the control number and dosage strength.](#)

The defect could result in a leak and lead to a dangerous overdose of the narcotic fentanyl. Fentanyl, the drug contained in the patch, is a potent opioid and a DEA Schedule II controlled substance that is up to 100 times stronger than morphine. In addition to the lots involved in the large recall, leaks and similar problems have also been reported for other strength patches and other lot numbers.

Duragesic is no longer the only fentanyl pain patch being marketed. On January 28, 2005, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted final approval for Mylan Laboratories, Inc. to market a generic fentanyl transdermal system. The manufacturer of Duragesic® has also begun to market an authorized generic version of the fentanyl patch through an agreement with Sandoz. Other generic companies have applications pending at the FDA to market similar fentanyl patches, therefore, other generic versions may soon be available. Problems associated with these newer generic patches have also been reported.

It is very difficult for a person examining a fentanyl patch to detect a defect or leak. This can lead to a dangerous situation as exposure to an excessive amount of fentanyl can lead to serious injury or death.

If you have lost a loved one due to exposure to a fentanyl patch you need to seek legal guidance from an experienced attorney as soon as possible. It's important for corporations to warn their consumers about these dangerous and deadly product defects in a more timely manner. Call today.

[Contact us today for a free confidential consultation!](#)

Legal Help for Duragesic Pain Patch Victims

In February 2004, Janssen Pharmaceutica discovered a potentially catastrophic flaw in their extremely popular Duragesic Transdermal Patch that could result in a leak and lead

to a dangerous overdose of the narcotic fentanyl. If you've been affected by the recall, your health - and potentially your life - could be at risk.

Janssen speculated that there were over 2.2 million patches in the recalled lot numbers, with up to 22% still in use. This colossal error on the part of the manufacture exposed thousands of people to potentially fatal overdoses, but also painful withdrawal inducing underdoses. A lawsuit against the drugmakers can help prevent this from happening in the future.

Duragesic Lawsuit Information and Settlements

If you are one of the thousands of people now living in fear because of the Duragesic Pain Patch recall, you need to contact an experienced defective product attorney who can protect your rights during such a terrifying time. Due to restrictive legal statutes of limitations that vary from state to state, time can be one of your greatest allies or your worst enemies.

Statutes of limitations are legal time constraints that curb the window of opportunity that you have to file a claim against the company that overlooked a potentially deadly deflection and ultimately jeopardized your life. Unfortunately, these limitations typically elapse in two to four years.

You deserve to contact an experienced Duragesic pain patch lawyer who understands the profound physical and emotional suffering related to a serious defect in a medical device. Don't let powerful companies get away with failing to adequately warn their consumers about potentially deadly problems with their products.

We want to help you fight the company that put their profits ahead of your safety. Steigerwalt & Associates has joined forces with two of the preeminent firms in the country who are committed to protecting the rights of the victims of defective medical products and their families.

Contacting and Hiring the Right Lawyer

Are you one of the thousands left scared and confused after the recent Janssen Pharmaceutica pain patch recall? Discovering that you use a defective medical device is always a frightening experience, but learning that such devices can be potentially fatal can be a major shock. You may be entitled to a financial settlement for your physical and emotional turmoil - it is absolutely vital that you understand your legal rights.

After contacting your physician to ensure your safety, channel your anger and frustration into something constructive. The Duragesic Transdermal patches were intended to relieve the chronic suffering of agonizing conditions such as terminal cancer, not aggravate it. You are entitled to guidance and you need a compassionate lawyer who understands your legal rights and knows how to fight to see that you receive the compensation that you deserve.

A compassionate Duragesic lawyer will guide you through the struggle - [contact one today.](#)