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Sunflower seeds and snack products recalled due to possible health risk

The Kane county Health Department is advising that Lipari Foods of Warren, Michigan is recalling Lipari brand raw sunflower seeds, roasted sunflower seeds, and snack mixes due to suspected contamination with Listeria monocytogenes.

Listeria can cause serious complications for pregnant women, such as stillbirth. Other problems can manifest in people with compromised immune systems. Listeria can also cause serious flu-like symptoms in healthy individuals. No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this problem.

The recalled Lipari brand products were distributed between April 5, 2013 through June 11, 2013 through various manufacturers and retailers in Illinois. There are a total of 52 items affected by this recall. A detailed list of items and lot codes can be found at http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Safety/Recalls/UCM356627.pdf

The recall was initiated after routine sampling by Michigan Department of Agriculture revealed that retail packaged raw sunflower seed products contained Listeria monocytogenes.

Consumers who have purchased **Lipari Food sunflower seeds and snack products** should not consume them, but should return them to the place of purchase. Consumers with questions may contact the company at (586)447-3500.