

SAFETY ALERT



Non-compliant Battery Chargers and Travel Adaptors

Who needs to read this?

All Curtin University Staff, Students and Contractors

Incident Details

During a recent daily workplace review it was found that noncompliant battery chargers and travel adaptors were in use within an area. The use of these items pose a high risk of fire and electric shock to users. Refer to the attached Worksafe WA [Product Warning](#) in relation to similar items.

Information

In this instance the battery charger was rated to 125 volt/15 amp power sources and are colloquially known as “American style plugs”, while the travel adaptor was under rated and supplied by a company that closed in 2005. Additionally these items were not tested and tagged. Noncompliant battery chargers and/or travel adaptors do not conform to the relevant Australian Standards in relation to electrical safety.

Key Messages

Only Australian compliant battery chargers and travel adaptors may be used on Curtin campuses, these adaptors will display an Australian Safety Approval Number (see example below).



Before bringing any electrical equipment on to campus, please gain approval from your Manager or supervisor and ensure that it complies with the relevant Australian Standards.

Who do you call with questions?

If you have any queries, please contact Curtin Electrical on extension 2020 or Health and Safety on 9266 4900 or email healthandsafety@curtin.edu.au.

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References

Australian/New Zealand Standard 3112 – Approval and test specification – plugs and socket outlets

Australian/New Zealand Standard 3122 – Approval and test specification – socket outlet adaptors

[Electrical Safety Procedures](#)

[WorkSafe WA - Product Safety Warning](#)

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