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EnergySafety warns of a fire risk for homes and businesses with inferior electric cabling

Who needs to read this?

All staff, students, contractors, visitors.

Background

Some WA homes and business premises may be facing a serious fire risk if they have had sub-standard electrical cabling installed which is not replaced soon.

In August last year, the inferior cabling imported by Infinity Cable Co Pty Ltd (in liquidation) was the subject of a national recall, with about 40,000 homes and businesses believed to be affected throughout Australia.

The cabling does not meet Australian electrical safety standards due to poor quality plastic insulation which will start to deteriorate from next year, exposing homes and businesses to a high risk of electrical fire or exposing occupants to electric shock.

All sizes and configurations of Infinity brand flat white cable and orange round Infinity mains power cables, as well as Olsent brand power cables sourced from Infinity, are affected. In WA, the cables were sold between March 2012 and October 2013 by Masters Home Improvement and John Danks & Sons trading as Home Timber & Hardware, Plants Plus and Thrifty-Link Hardware.

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Who do we call with questions?

For general enquiries on this issue, contact: EnergySafety on **6251 1900** or energysafety@commerce.wa.gov.au (for electrical contractors);

Consumer Protection – **1300 30 40 54** or consumer@commerce.wa.gov.au (for consumers) or

Building Commission on **1300 48 90 99** or bcinfo@commerce.wa.gov.au (for builders).

References

[Department of Commerce WA](#)

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