

HAZARD ALERT

PERSONAL ELECTRICAL ITEMS – STUDENT USE

29TH July 2014

REFERENCE:

WHS Act 2012 Cl's 17, 19 & 21
WHS Regulations 2012 – Part 7
CSH&WSA Document No. 9 – Electrical Procedure

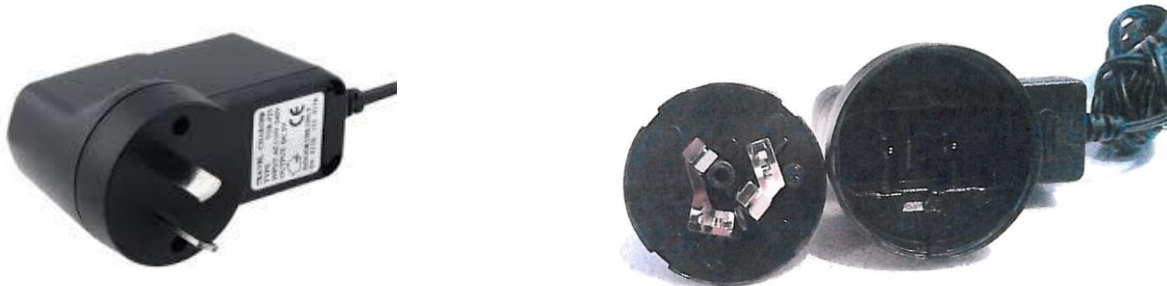
OBJECTIVE:

To ensure all worksites have a process in place to manage any personal electrical items brought onto the site.

BACKGROUND:

Recently the back of an electrical transformer (similar to the picture below) separated from the 2 pin face exposing the live brass contacts. A student using the item touched the exposed contacts and received an electric shock.

The item involved was an FM Hearing System (PHONAK). The supplier has removed current chargers from worldwide stock and is investigating the need to recall all Units sold after 2008.



PREVENTATIVE ACTIONS:

- **REMOVE** any Phonak FM Hearing Systems from use, until further notice
- NO electrical item should be brought on site without the Principal or manager's approval
- The school must determine a process to manage electrical items and equipment brought onto site. This includes items 'on loan' from any support agencies, eg Novita, Autism SA
- Conduct a risk assessment of the use of the item at the school
- Implement controls identified during the risk assessment
- Should the school proceed with purchasing electrical equipment the item **MUST** be placed on the Electrical Register and tested and tagged

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