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Workplace Health Improvement Practice

Use of Personal Electrical Items

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WHS Act 2012

WHS Regulations 2012 Hazardous work – Chapter 4,
General electrical safety in workplaces and energised electrical work – Part 7

Managing Electrical Risks in the Workplace Code of Practice July 2012

CCSM Document 9: Electrical

OBJECTIVE:

To ensure all worksites have systems in place to ensure any personal electrical item brought to the workplace is inspected prior to use.

BACKGROUND:

An incident occurred where a student bought a laptop and charger from home. The 240V part of the cable had been chewed exposing the internal wires. The student sustained an electric shock when using the laptop.

PREVENTATIVE ACTIONS:

- Worksites to develop and implement a process to ensure personal electrical items brought to the workplace are safe for use (e.g. restrict items brought to site unless prior arrangements have been negotiated).
- Where personal electrical items are permitted, they must be inspected prior to being used and placed on the worksites electrical testing schedule if the item continues to be used within the workplace.

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