

SAFETY ALERT

Incident Title:

Electric shock

Date of Incident:

October 2016

Incident Description and Details:

A cleaner reached behind a pie warmer to wipe the counter and received an electric shock from an exposed live wires of an electrical cord. The safety switch tripped preventing any further shocks. The cleaner was taken to a medical clinic for the required ECG test for an electric shock. Test results confirmed no adverse effects.



Recommendations/Lessons:

- An investigation showed the exposed electrical cord belonged to a microwave oven which had been dropped during transportation of the portable building. This prompted a review of all appliances kept in amenities on this site, including assessments of electrical connections, tagging and safety switches, and the mandating of all portable appliances being fixed via the use of a bracket system or similar.
- Whilst the cleaner suffered a sudden shock, it is important to note the electrical controls and compliance testing by the contractor assisted in preventing a more serious injury. The cleaner was wearing rubber sole shoes which would have helped to ground any charges during the incident.

A REMINDER TO ALL STAFF

- If you see an electrical item that looks damaged, remove the item so it can not be used, and immediately report the hazard.
- Regular visual inspections and testing of all electrical equipment, including regular RCD testing of site buildings should be undertaken by competent person.