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SELLING USED ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES / EQUIPMENT

For the protection of both the customer and the person/s selling electrical appliances/equipment, the law requires that all electrical appliances/equipment sold are in a safe condition.

"Safe" means that no significant risk of injury or death to any person, or damage to any property, is likely to result from the proper use of the electrical appliances/equipment.

Guidelines for Determining if Appliances and Equipment are Safe

Energy Safety recommends that where the origin or history of an electrical appliance/equipment **is not known** to the seller (eg. it has been purchased or obtained in a used condition), then that electrical appliance/equipment should be **inspected and tested**, before it is sold, to ensure it is safe to use.

However, where the origin or history of used electrical appliances/equipment **is known** to the seller (eg. it has been solely owned and used since new by the seller), the appliance/equipment is not damaged, cords and plugs are in good condition, there are no missing parts and the appliance/equipment still operates in the manner the manufacturer intended, then the appliance/equipment may not need checking and testing prior to sale.

Testing of Appliances / Equipment

Regulation 19 of the *Electricity (Licensing) Regulations 1991* requires that the testing of electrical appliances/equipment be carried out by appropriately licensed persons (eg. by an appliance service person or an electrician). This testing is detailed in the Australian Standard *AS 3760-2001 In-Service Safety Inspection and Testing of Electrical Equipment*.

It is also recommended that the service centre / licensed person provides some evidence, such as a label or sticker, to be attached to the appliance/equipment to verify that the appliance/equipment has been checked and tested and is safe to use.

This label/sticker should state the date that the appliance/equipment was tested, the relevant Australian Standard to which it was tested and the licence number and signature of the person who carried out the checking and testing.

Make sure your electrical appliances and equipment are safe!