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Dishwasher electrical malfunction leads to fire

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The Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) is warning householders of a potential fire risk following a number of incidents involving Electrolux dishwashers currently subject to a recall notice.

MFS Fire Investigation Manager, Shaun Ruxton urges all owners of Electrolux dishwashers to check whether the model they own is subject to a recall notice.

“There are a number of Electrolux dishwashers currently under recall. If consumers have purchased a dishwasher from this manufacturer since April 2007 we urge them to contact the manufacturer or the original supplier,” says Mr Ruxton.

The dishwashers that are currently under recall are:

- Electrolux - Model numbers: EX401ISB and ESL6163.
- Electrolux Dishlex - Model numbers: DX303SK and DX303WK.
- Westinghouse - Model numbers: SB908WK, SB908SK, SB916WK, SB916SK, SB926WK, SB926SK and serial numbers that range from 70700000 – 72400000.

“It has been identified, in extreme cases, that a wire connector within these appliances could overheat and cause a small self-contained fire or melt plastic components within the control panel.

“Electrolux is offering consumers with the dishwashers effected a free-of-charge inspection by a service technician,” says Mr Ruxton.

The latest incident resulting from an electrical malfunction within an Electrolux dishwasher occurred on Saturday 29 November when the MFS was called to a house fire at Taylor Street Gawler, following a 000 call from neighbours.

Upon arrival the MFS found the kitchen and lounge area of the property fully involved in fire.

Two MFS appliances and eight firefighters took approximately 10-15 minutes to contain the fire. There was severe fire damage to the kitchen and lounge, along with heat and smoke damage to the rest of the property.

MFS Fire Cause Investigators estimated the damage to the property to be \$75 000.

For further details consumers can contact the Electrolux Customer Information Line on **1800 001 218** Monday to Friday between 9 am and 6 pm EST and weekends between 8 am and 1 pm EST.