

media release

SA Metropolitan Fire Service



Dishwasher Fires Interstate

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The SA Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) is unaware of any fire-related incidents in South Australia involving faulty dishwashers as featured in this evening's Today Tonight program.

The Channel Seven current affairs show included a story about fires linked to Electrolux, Westinghouse and Electrolux Dishlex dishwashers which have been reported in the eastern states.

"There are no known fire related incidents in South Australia involving dishwashers that were highlighted on the Today Tonight program," MFS District Officer Shaun Ruxton said.

"These dishwashers were sold after April 1st last year and can be identified by their model numbers."

Electrolux identified a wire connector within the appliance which in extreme cases could overheat and cause a small self-contained fire or melt plastic components within the control panel.

The dishwashers that fall into this category are:

Electrolux with model numbers: EX401ISB and ESL6163.

Electrolux Dishlex with model numbers: DX303SK and DX303WK.

And Westinghouse with model numbers: SB908WK, SB908SK, SB916WK, SB916SK, SB926WK, SB926SK and serial numbers that range between 70700000 – 72400000.

Electrolux is offering consumers with these dishwashers a free-of-charge inspection by a service technician.

Inquiries can be directed to Electrolux by phoning the company's toll free number 1800 001 218 between 9AM and 6PM EST Monday to Friday; and weekends between 8AM and 1PM EST and by quoting the dishwasher's model and serial number.

For further information call the MFS media line on 8204 3770