

media release

SA Metropolitan Fire Service



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Recalled product linked to house fire

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The Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) is warning householders about a recalled product that is linked to a house fire at Loxton on Friday 21 November.

MFS firefighters were called to the house at 8.30 am but the homeowner managed to extinguish the fire before they arrived.

Investigators found that the fire started in a bathroom heat lamp and pinpointed the cause to be the defective heat lamp/exhaust fan product.

The particular make and model of this product is currently under a manufacturers' electrical safety recall, as it has been linked to other fires in the past.

MFS District Officer, Shaun Ruxton of the Fire Investigation Section says, "In the interest of home safety, the MFS recommends that heat lamp/exhaust fan units installed in homes with reference to the product Electrical Safety Recall notice should be inspected by a qualified person to check if they are the subject of the product recall."

"Should subject units be found, please follow the instructions in the 'What to do' section of the recall notice," Mr Ruxton says.

The product recall can be checked by visiting the South Australian recalls website at:
www.recalls.gov.au

For further details on the brands and models of heat lamps/exhaust fans impacted can also be found within the attached advertisement.