

HAZARD ALERT

Modification to Domestic Plant / Equipment

REFERENCES:

WHS Act 2012, s 17 Management of Risks,
WHS Regulations 2012 Chapter 3 General risk and workplace management
CCES Procedure 14: Hazard Management
CCES Procedure 20: Purchasing

OBJECTIVE:

Prohibit modification/s being made to domestic plant and equipment that is not fit for purpose.

BACKGROUND:

There have been two (2) instances where it has been identified that domestic ovens were fitted to a stand / trolley to be used as a 'plastics' oven. On both occasions, no inspection / testing was completed by a competent person to deem that the modifications made were approved and the item could be used. The photographs below show that the domestic ovens were being used in a manner for which they were not designed.



Photo 1: Oven positioned sideways with a hopper installed at the top.
Jack fitted at the bottom.



Photo 2: Oven installed on a trolley to be 'moved around'.

PREVENTATIVE ACTIONS:

Under no circumstances are domestic plant / equipment to be modified for use in a purpose they are not designed / certified for.

Prior to purchasing plant / equipment it is a requirement to:

- identify what is it needed for
- complete a Pre-purchase checklist
- complete a risk assessment, where applicable, once plant / equipment has been installed / commissioned.

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