

# Newsletter

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## Electric Heaters



During this cold season, many of us would have dusted off various electric heaters and be using them nearly all day long. What are the potential risks associated with using these in a workplace?



If these heaters are being used with wound extension leads then one has to take great care in making sure that the whole lead is unwound before plugging a fire in. Extension leads have different power ratings dependent on whether they are wound or unwound. (Please see the image of the rating plate here which shows the wound power rating as 720W and the unwound one as 2400W). A typical electric fire would be rated at 2000W and if used with a wound extension would present a serious fire risk.

A 2000W electric heater would take just over 8A of current. If two of these are plugged into an extension lead (wound or unwound) the total current taken would be over 16A. As mains plugs and cables are only rated at 13A, this should blow the fuse. In practice the fuse may take some time to blow and would represent a fire risk in the meantime.

Walking or cycling into work on these wet winter days may well leave some of your clothes a bit damp. Please avoid the temptation to dry them on an electric fire.

### Summary:

Electrical fires can present a fire risk due their high power consumption. However with reasonable care they can be used perfectly safely.

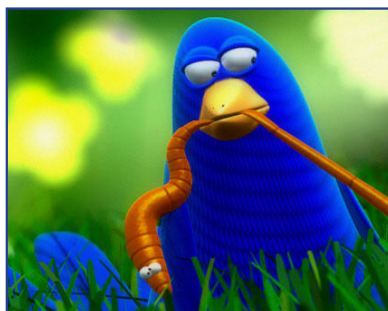
Want to find out more about electrical safety? Why not consider attending our advanced in-depth PAT course which is held in York and in Northants.



## Early Bird Catches The Worm



To help us plan our course schedule we are offering discounts for those booking more than 2 months in advance. For example all courses in April, May, June are being offered at £109 saving £20. Please look at our website to take advantage of these offers.



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## Starting & Running a PAT Testing Business



Aimed at helping people to run a successful business, this new book is now available for sale on Amazon for £9.50. It has many useful ideas on how to win new customers, advice on pricing and offering additional services.



For every copy sold, a donation of £1 will be made to the Prince's Trust.

## ELEX Show

TELE PRODUCTS

To talk to us about our PAT testers, PAT training courses and Energy Saving Solutions please visit us at the Elex Show at the Yorkshire Event Centre on the 11th and 12th of March.

## Full House



*We have had to put on extra courses to meet demand, as our scheduled PAT testing course places have been selling out.*



*We now have additional beginner's half-day courses at Harlow (27th April) and Leicester (29th June). Additional advanced full day workshops have been scheduled in York on the 25th of March and the 22nd of April. (please book early to avoid disappointment)*

## A Satisfied Customer

I attended your offices yesterday for the PAT testing course. Please pass my thanks to your staff, and indeed to yourself for the warm welcome shown to myself and the other delegates.

I have been to, quite a number of events like this over the years, and it was a pleasant surprise to find your staff so friendly and helpful.

The course was refreshingly straightforward and you seem to have acquired the skill of making it long enough to make sure we all left with the correct level of training, without it becoming boring. There was lots of good advice being given without any heavy sales patter.

Full marks from me, and I would have no hesitation in recommending your company to colleagues.

Once again thank you and I look forward to doing business with you in the near future.

Steve Paling

## Furniture Reuse Network (FRN)



*up in landfill and provide employment opportunities to the long term unemployed.*

*First Stop Safety were at the Furniture Reuse Network's annual conference this year. This is the second year that we have supported the excellent work being done by the FRN's members to reduce electrical items ending*

*The photo shows John Fleming (left, of Green Works) receiving his magnum of champagne which he won in a prize draw sponsored by First Stop Safety. In the middle is Karen Chelin, Sales Manager of First Stop Safety and on the right Richard Featherstone, FRN President.*

*If you are involved in reselling electrical items, then why not look at our free guide which can be downloaded from our sponsored website [www.patinfo.co.uk](http://www.patinfo.co.uk)*

## Cutting Electricity Costs



*Crucible Technologies continues to reduce costs for its customers. The Paver's shop in Doncaster has now been fitted with Lighting Energy Controllers (LEC) and is forecast to save some £800 every year on the lighting bills. To find out more about the LECs please visit our website or speak to Seggy on 01904 792211.*



## Staff News



**Wendy Dixon** joins us as Office Administrator this month and comes with a wealth of experience that will strengthen our team and help us manage the increased level of business in 2010.



Also joining us this month is **Steve Gears** who is now part of the Operations team helping out with calibrations, production and shipping. He is proving a valuable addition to the team at what is a very busy period for the company.

## New Energy Saving Guide



*This FREE guide to energy saving can help you cut your electricity costs and reduce your carbon emissions. It is full of useful ideas and case studies. Please check the Crucible Technologies website to download this.*

