

Overloading of 4-way Mains Extension Leads



The Electrical Safety Council (ESC) has recently carried out testing on 4-way extension leads and produced a test report. Their key finding was that overloading sockets can be very dangerous. The plug on one melted while the live pin on another plug was stuck in the socket due to it disintegrating.



Their conclusion is "this research reinforces the need to provide consumer advice about the dangers of overloading extension leads". Furthermore there was a need for "keeping the area around the extension free from dust and other combustible materials"

to reduce the risk of fire.

Advice from the First Stop Safety team:

1. Check whether the extension lead is fused at 13A or 5A.
2. If 5A then only use for computers, TVs, lamps and other equipment taking a TOTAL of less than 1000W.
3. Do NOT plug any heaters (normally rated at 1000 to 2000W) into a 5A extension lead.
4. If you want to plug a heater into an extension lead, make sure it is a 13A one.
5. Only plug in one heater per 13A extension lead
6. Do NOT plug one extension lead into another to extend it.
7. If using an extension longer than 20m then use an RCD with it for extra protection.
8. If you are using a coiled extension lead then please remember to unwind it fully, if using with heaters and other high power appliances.



Lifetime Warranty Launched



Every PAT-IT, BattPAT and Microwave Checker that we sell is proudly assembled and checked at our factory in York. This gives us great confidence in the reliability of these products and enables us to offer a Lifetime Warranty on them.



These have earned an excellent reputation for their simplicity, reliability and value for money – and now they will be repaired free of charge too! Simply return the testers to us annually for their recalibration to qualify for the Lifetime Warranty.

Even if your tester is overdue for its calibration you don't have to worry. Just return the unit to us for calibration and you will automatically qualify. To book your tester in for calibration, or to find out more about the Lifetime Warranty call Wendy M on 01904 529054 or e-mail calibrations@firststopsafety.co.uk.

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CO2 Best Practice Exchange



We attended this event in Harrogate and Crucible Technologies staff led a table top discussion on "Is LED lighting the killer solution? myth or fact" and another on "Using sub-metering to engage staff in energy saving measures". Both were well attended. For more information on this please e-mail: seggy@tele-products.com

"We have re-launched our energy saving website www.lean-and-green.co.uk. This has lots of new energy saving tips"

Secret Santa



In support of our local charity shops and our recycling ethos, the office Secret Santa rules were "A book costing a maximum of £2 from a charity shop". This suggestion from Sarah and Karen S has been enthusiastically adopted by all.



Wendy Dixon and Wendy Dixon

Namesakes

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What are the chances of having two people called Wendy Dixon in a company with 12 people? Very high as it happens. When we started recruiting for a Sales Executive for our Calibrations Department the best candidate turned out to have the same name as our Office Administrator. We have now started referring to the new one as Wendy M while t'other Wendy is known as Wendle. Here they are both.

Customer Feedback Following A Recent PAT Training Session:



I would like to thank you and your colleague from David Barnes and myself for the training we just undertook. To start with the venue was quiet pleasant, we were nervous about the training and the implications with been able to PAT test equipment we supply to the people of Enfield as Integrated Community equipment Service.

We have to deal with complex equipment for the elderly and vulnerable, the need to issue safe equipment is paramount. The training itself was clear, non jargonistic, simplistic but professional. The presentation was well prepared with enough literature not to confuse the lay person. It boiled down to commonsense really and the right tools.

I was nervous going into the test at the end of the training but was surprised to find it all fell into place due to the training we had. I would recommend the course to anyone who needed to send out or sell used/refurbished equipment .

Regards David Holliday,
Enfield Council

Energy Saving Facts - Fridges & Freezers



1. In a typical household fridges & freezers can contribute up to a quarter of the electricity.
2. Chest freezers conserve energy compared to an upright.
3. Fridge energy ratings go from A++ (best) to G (abysmal).
4. To check fridge energy rating go to www.est.org.uk
5. An A++ rated fridge uses 45% less energy than an A rated one.
6. Avoid putting hot things in the fridge – cool them outside first.
7. Fridges and freezers are more efficient when they are full.

Xmas Card donation to "Help for Heroes"

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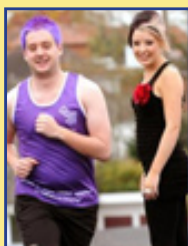


IN SUPPORT OF
**HELP for
HEROES**

We estimated that more than 100 cards change hands at Tele-Products every Christmas. This year instead of giving each other cards we have

decided to adopt a suggestion from Kimberley to make a donation to a charity chosen by a member of staff. Tele-products will match all staff donations and a contribution will be made to Ryan's choice of the charity "Help for Heroes".

Marathon Man



Our Ryan Diver completed the New York Marathon and raised more than £1000 for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital.

Electrical Safety Facts - Fuses

When checking fuse ratings in plugs, if you find a 3A or a 5A fuse then there is negligible risk. **LEAVE THIS IN PLACE.**

During PAT testing **NEVER** change a 3A or 5A fuse to a 13A fuse on a working appliance.