

SAFETY WARNING NOTICE

Australian Consumer Law (Qld) section 129 (1)(a) and (b)

I, Jarrod Bleijie, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice publish this safety warning notice pursuant to section 129 (1) (a) and (b) of the Australian Consumer Law (Qld).

This safety warning notice relates to unvented ethanol fuelled fireplaces for domestic use that do not require professional installation. They can be moveable or fixed installations.

These goods are under investigation to determine whether they will or may cause injury to any person; or by a reasonably foreseeable use (including a misuse) will or may cause injury to any person.

Potential Hazard:

These products often operate with an open flame with a tempered glass shield and are free standing. Exposure to open flames may increase the risk of fire and injury, particularly in an environment where children are present or combustible materials such as clothes or curtains are close by.

Due to the type of fuel used by these devices the flame may be difficult to see particularly in daylight which may increase the injury risk when being refilled. There is also a risk of combustible gas build up in unventilated areas.

What consumers should do:

Consumers are urged to strictly follow manufacturer's instructions carefully:

- never leave a product unattended,
- never store fuel in the same room,
- have an appropriate fire extinguisher close by,
- do not use for cooking or throw anything combustible into the fireplace,
- never leave children unsupervised around these devices,
- never use a different fuel than that recommended by the manufacturer; and
- take added precautions when refilling the product to ensure the flame is totally extinguished and surface has cooled.

Consumers and suppliers of these products are advised to contact the Office of Fair Trading via safety@justice.qld.gov.au or on 07 30085983 if they have experienced a safety incident.

Dated this: 10th day of July 2014.



JARROD BLEIJIE MP
Attorney-General and Minister for Justice