

Toolbox Talk

Visual Inspection of Electrical Appliances To Be Sold At Auction

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Overview

The goal of this toolbox talk is to ensure that every electrical item entered into an auction is visually safe. Specifically, we must ensure that no items missing a plug are sold

It's NOT a PAT Test: This is a simple visual check for a plug, not a full technical Portable Appliance Test (PAT)

Why it matters: Faulty appliances cause nearly half of all UK house fires and over 250,000 serious injuries annually



JPS Missing Plug Rule

If you identify an appliance that is missing its plug:

Do not include the item in the auction, It must not be entered into the sale and if the item has been included in the sale it must be removed immediately – where this is the case you must inform your line manager immediately

Isolate the item, the item must be Clearly marked as QUARANTINED DO NOT SELL and moved to the designated WEEE waste area.

Process the item as WEEE: The item must be added to the sites WEEE waste and processed in accordance with regulations

Is JPS required to test / inspect the items prior to auction?

Legal & Safety Requirements

No Guarantee: While JPS sells items "as is" with no grading or guarantee, we still have a safety responsibility to identify obvious risks like missing plugs

Mandatory Check: Every electrical item **must** be visually inspected before it is entered into an auction

Training: Saleroom managers and safety reps provide basic training, with refreshers required yearly

All items sold via our auctions are sold with no grading or guarantee and are sold subject to any faults, defects and imperfections which may subsist at the time of the sale. This is covered under several sections of our terms and conditions. We also encourage our customers to view lots, to inspect and test them (where possible).

However, by carrying out an electrical visual inspection we can identify any electrical appliances / devices are missing a plug which could present an electrical safety risk and ensure that those devices do not put customers or other members of the public at risk.

Training and awareness

Saleroom managers and site safety representatives will carry out basic training on how to visually inspect electrical appliances and devices, refresher training will be provided on a yearly basis in addition to regular toolbox talk reminders across all our salerooms

Jargon Buster

WEEE - stands for Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment., WEEE waste can be generally described as most waste products that come with a plug or require a battery

PAT Testing - PAT Testing stands for Portable Appliance Testing and is the process of checking electrical appliances for safety through a series of visual inspections and electrical tests.