



# *Safety Advice 01-2000 (NZ)*

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## **APPLIANCE OWNER FATALITY**

The following is a summary of a report received from a coroner regarding the accidental death of an electrical appliance owner who attempted to repair an electrical appliance.

- Any repairs carried out by the owners of any appliance must be done in accordance with the “New Zealand Electrical Code of Practice for Repair of Domestic Electrical Equipment.” Owners with limited knowledge of electricity should not attempt to repair electrical appliances. Electricity does not give second chances.
- Older types of 3-pin wall sockets, because of their age and wear and tear are not always safe, even though they appear to be working normally. It is recommended that anyone in doubt about the condition of their electrical socket outlets should have them checked by an electrician.
- Any person who ever receives any kind of shock or “tingle” from any electrical appliance should immediately turn off the appliance at the source of electricity and have the appliance checked or replaced without further use.