

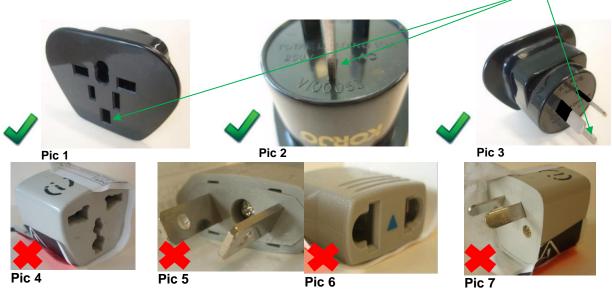
## SAFETY AWARENESS- Electrical Safety Sub-Committee Reverse – Travel Adaptor usage

#### Purpose

There has been a significant increase in the number of travel adaptors discovered during testing and tagging and workplace inspection programs recently at the University. These adaptors are being utilised to adapt non-compliant and potentially dangerous electrical appliances to socket outlets.

This is a very dangerous practice and could lead to an injury or fire.

Good Earthed adaptors – suitable for earthed and double insulated appliances, with State and Territory (*Victoria*) approval mark V100063 Safe (*Earthing*) pin location



**Very dangerous adaptors**, showing no earth & no authorised approval mark (Pic 6 & 7). Earth not on both sides & no authorised approval mark (Pic 4 & 5).

Do NOT use travel adaptors that don't have an earth connection - Pictured in 4, 5, 6 & 7

# Consider the use of a travel adaptor as a temporary fix. So in the interim please ensure the following if one must be used now;

- The travel adaptor MUST have an earth connection See "Earthed Adaptor" pictures.
- The travel adaptor MUST be in good quality condition.
- The travel adaptor rating MUST be at least 230volts 250volts @ 10A This should be marked on the casing somewhere.
- The travel adaptor must have an Australian State or Territory Approval Mark. E.g. N/00345, Q/12356, V/24512.

### Further guidance on electrical appliance safety refer to:

Procedure: Electrical safety management https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP\_000572

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