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Selling Safe Second-Hand Goods

Introduction

If you are in the business of selling second-hand goods you should be aware that

- all goods you have for sale must meet legal safety requirements **and**
- anyone injured by unsafe goods you have sold may be able to claim compensation from you through the courts

If you are unsure if goods are safe then we strongly advise you to stop selling them and have them checked by an expert.

Consumer Protection Act 1987

Regulations made under this Act apply whether or not you own the goods you are selling. These regulations control items such as those listed below.

Gas Cookers

Gas cookers **must**

- have legible and durable markings on the controls
- be marked with the manufacturers or importers name
- have adequate pan supports
- have tap handles which are easy to operate, but not liable to be turned on accidentally
- ignite promptly
- have oven doors which seal in hot gasses
- have instructions for safe use

Gas cookers **must not** have

- sharp edges
- a casing which gets hot enough to cause injury

Any hob cover must either shut off the gas supply or be clearly and durably marked with a warning that it does not shut off the gas supply.

Fireguards on gas fires and oil heaters

Fireguards on gas fires and oil heaters must comply with the relevant British or European Standards.

Gas Catalytic Heaters

Gas catalytic heaters must not contain asbestos.

Paraffin Heaters

The Regulations cover stability, flame extinction and labelling.

Prams and Pushchairs

Prams and pushchairs must comply with British Standard 7409:1996.

Bodies, seats and chassis must be marked **BS 7409:1996** together with the name of the UK manufacturer, distributor or retailer and other specified safety warnings. Instructions for use must also be supplied with the pram or pushchair.

Bunk Beds

Bunk beds must not have a gap in the base of more than 75 mm or a gap elsewhere of more than 75 mm or less than 60 mm.

Toys

A toy must not cause physical injury or be a health hazard when used as intended or in a foreseeable way. Any relevant warnings or instructions for its safe use must also be supplied with the toy.

General Product Safety Regulations 2005

All goods not covered by specific regulations must comply with the General Product Safety Regulations 2005. These Regulations apply only where you own the goods you are selling. You must ensure that all goods you have for sale are safe. This will include supplying warnings and instructions with the items where this is necessary for their safe use.

For example, DIY or garden equipment must be provided with the necessary guards in place. Glass in furniture should satisfy British Standards where applicable. Household or nursery items should not have sharp edges which could cause injury in normal use.

Further Information

Separate guidance notes on selling second-hand electrical goods and second-hand furniture are available from the Trading Standards Service.

If you require further information please contact the Trading Standards Service.

This is not an authoritative document on the law and is only intended for guidance.

For a copy of this document on audio cassette, in large print or Braille, or if you require assistance in reading this, please contact the Council's Policy Unit.

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We will provide an interpreter, or we can supply the document in your choice of language.

你是否需要傳譯服務?

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我們會適當地為你安排傳譯人員或者提供你需要文字的文件。

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