

# SAFETY ALERT

06 December 2016

A powerboard was found to have a fault in its illuminated on/off switch, causing a minor electrical shock to a member of staff.

Sansai 4-way power board  
(pictured after the on/off switch cover  
was removed)

## BACKGROUND

A member of staff received an electrical shock (injury) on 11/12/16. Several powerboards in the area were found, under close inspection, to have cracks to

applied by Complete Office Supply (COS), was found to have the same shock risk if the switch cracks.

## WHAT WAS DONE WELL

- x All Sansai powerboards in the area were quarantined.
- x UNSW Procurement was notified in order to liaise with the UNSW preferred supplier.
- x The manufacturer was informed of the incident.
- x Product Safety Australia was notified.

## ACTION FOR LOCAL AREAS TO TAKE

- x Carefully inspect all powerboards with illuminated on/off switches for cracks/faults. Dispose of any found to be damaged.
- x Avoid use of any powerboard with illuminated on/off switches.

The quality of the Sansai powerboard is still under investigation.

Further information: Contact your Faculty Health, Safety Environment Coordinator <a href="http://www.safety.unsw.edu.au">www.safety.unsw.edu.au</a>	Corresponding author for this alert: <a href="mailto:b.farrell@unsw.edu.au">b.farrell@unsw.edu.au</a>
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