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## Washing Machines can be Deadly



### Washing Machine Fires

Faulty washing machines can cause life threatening fires. In one incident, a Western Suburbs hotel had to be evacuated when a washing machine caught fire in a utility room. Although nobody was hurt, a number of floors were damaged. The risk of an electrical fire from a popular washing machine was so great, it prompted the biggest product recall of its kind in Australian history; although many units still remain unrepaired. The fault originated from moisture condensing on the machine's motor connectors.

Electrical appliance problems relating to moisture can occur in any machine, usually due to wear and scale damage, which allows moisture into unexpected places. Most problems (including the nationwide fault) can be repaired by an experienced White Goods Technician.

### Child killed by Washing Machine

An inquisitive child tragically died after falling into a running washing machine. The child managed to climb onto the appliance, open the lid and accidentally fell in. The child's mother walked into the laundry room about a minute later to find the child stuck in the machine. Ambulance staff and neighbours tried in vain to resuscitate the toddler, but he later died in hospital.

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### Q: Why isn't my Washing Machine draining?

**A:** Draining problems are typically due to a build-up of material inside the appliance, resulting from degraded or cracked seals, connections and pipes. This is frequently caused by Adelaide's hard water.

### Signs and Symptoms: Washing Machine problems

- Does your washing machine feel hot or smell like burnt plastic?
- Has the quality of washing noticeably decreased?
- Noticed your machine failing to drain or spin properly?
- Does your machine sometimes fail to finish the cycle?
- Your appliance seems unstable and vigorously shakes?



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Adelaide has the hardest water of any state capital, and this puts your machine at risk. A leading cause of washing machine breakdowns is the build-up of scale within the appliance. Descaling your machine is recommended by leading appliance manufacturers as a convenient and cost-effective way of caring for your appliance. One sachet of **ScalexPlus** helps remove unwanted scale and protects your machine for 3 months.

You can improve cleaning performance and reliability by running regular empty hot washes and checking drain filters for debris and other items.



Scale build up on your element can reduce heating performance, wasting energy, and decrease the life of the element

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