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Camberwell plumber fined for shoddy St Kilda gasfitting

A Camberwell-based plumber issued compliance certificates for two sites in St Kilda, despite knowing the work did not comply with plumbing regulations.

The Victorian Building Authority (VBA) found licensed plumber Gary Jackson acted unprofessionally and negligently after it investigated and tested the works and found that there were significant gas escapes at both properties. The VBA concluded that the gasfitting works were defective and caused gas to leak at the properties.

The VBA completed the inquiry into Mr Jackson’s conduct after receiving complaints about his workmanship from the tenants of the St Kilda properties.

The charges were:

- Failing to ensure that the gasfitting work was safe for use upon completion
- Signing a compliance certificate that stated the plumbing work complied with the plumbing laws, which it did not
- Failing to properly test the gasfitting work.

Mr Jackson was fined $2,198.

The Victorian Building Authority (VBA) reminds licensed plumbers that they must check that their work is compliant before issuing a compliance certificate.

Director of Compliance and Performance Murray Smith reiterated the importance of plumbers ensuring their plumbing work is compliant for consumer safety.

“The majority of plumbers undertake their work responsibly. When issues of non-compliance, including gasfitting failures, are identified the VBA will take action, ” Mr Smith said.

“The VBA takes non-compliance very seriously.”

For more information on plumbing work and compliance, visit www.vba.vic.gov.au

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