

MEDIA RELEASE



VIGILANCE URGED

Home insulation program - Security technicians and cabling installers warned to act with caution when working in roof spaces

Australia's peak security industry body, the Australian Security Industry Association (ASIAL), is warning all security technicians and cabling installers throughout Australia to act with extreme caution when entering roof spaces.

ASIAL CEO, Bryan de Caires, says following the recent findings regarding the Federal Government's home insulation program, great care must be taken by technicians when entering and working in roof spaces.

"Whilst there are always inherent risks working in roof spaces, if insulation works have been recently conducted in a home, then security installers and cabling technicians should not enter the roof area without confirmation that it is safe and that an inspection has been conducted by a qualified electrician."

"If you have any concerns about the insulation in the roof areas you are working in do not enter the ceiling as safety switches only provide protection on certain circuits - mains cables are usually not protected," says Bryan.

Approximately 240,000 homes have been fitted with insulation batts that represent a potential safety risk and it is estimated that up to 1000 homes could have live electrical currents running through their roofs.

Across Australia, there are over 60,000 registered cablers under the Australian Communications and Media Authority's *Cabling Provider Rules*. There are over 1 million monitored alarm systems installed nationally.

Some foil insulation safety guidelines are available by visiting www.asial.com.au

25th February 2010

Media Enquiries

Angela Maan
ASIAL
(02) 8425 4315

or

Ingrid Just
S2i Communications
(02) 9251 8222

About ASIAL

Established in 1969, the Australian Security Industry Association (ASIAL) is the peak national body for the security industry. With a national membership representing approximately 85% of the security sector, ASIAL has played a key role in driving Australian standards, developing codes of conduct and raising the level of professionalism within the industry. Visit www.asial.com.au for further information.