

# Dangerous 13 Amp Plug

Trading Standards have become aware that a number of potentially dangerous equipment power leads may have been supplied to consumers in the area

The power leads which may be supplied with computers or other electrical equipment have the appearance of being a normal power lead but have 3 fundamental problems

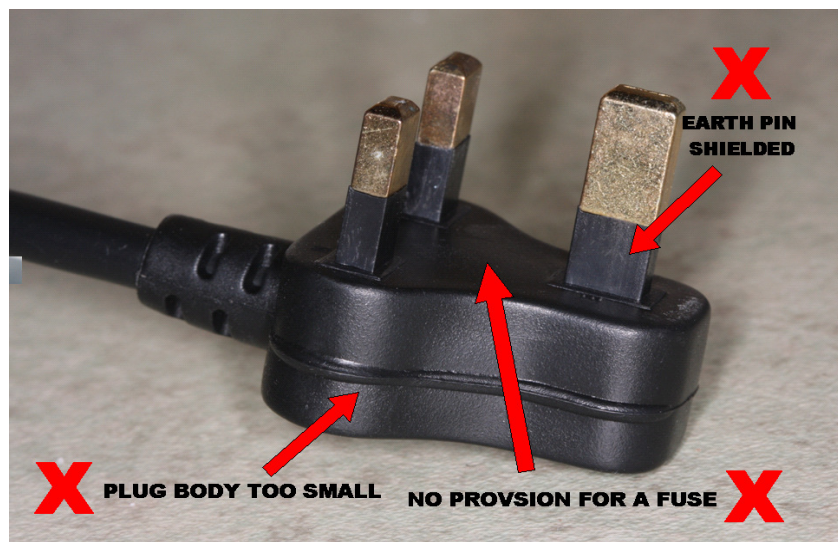
- The size of the plug top moulding is smaller than it should be
- There is no provision for a fuse in the plug
- The earth pin is shielded in the same manner as the live and neutral pins

## **This is extremely dangerous.**

When the plug is inserted into a 13 amp socket the shielding on the earth pin prevents it making contact with the earth contact in the socket putting the user at risk of serious injury or even death if a fault should occur on the equipment

The omission of a fuse means that there is no adequate protection to the equipment should it develop an electrical fault

We are asking consumers to take the time to check the plugs on their electrical equipment and if any look like the one shown below or have a shield on the earth pin (which is the longest pin of the three) to stop using it and contact your retailer or Trading Standards.



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