

HN (NI) 2001/26

DATE: 19 November 2001

**For Attention and Action by:
Chief Executive of each HSS Trust
General Manager/Chief Executive of each HSS Board
Chief Executive of each Agency**



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TITLE:

**FLUKE ELECTRICAL TESTER: INSTRUMENT
MAY "LOCK UP"**

MANUFACTURER/SUPPLIER

Fluke

PROBLEM

Instrument may "lock up"

DISTRIBUTION

This notice should be brought to the attention of all who need to know or be aware of it, including those listed below, in accordance with local procedures. This will include:

- Liaison Officers
- Risk Managers
- Health & Safety Officers/Advisors
- Estates Managers

Boards/Trusts should ensure that if appropriate, this information is passed to all persons having the responsibility for the premises registered under "THE REGISTERED HOMES (NI) ORDER 1992.

ACTION

Withdraw Fluke T2 Electrical testers with a serial number 7351XXXX or higher from service.

BACKGROUND

The manufacturer has published a safety notice withdrawing Fluke T2 electrical testers with a serial number 7351XXXX or higher from service.

It has found that in certain circumstances, while checking voltages above 400V or in applications where higher levels of static electricity or transients are present, the instrument may "lock up".

When the tester "locks up" it stops working for approximately eight minutes before resetting itself. If it is used during this time period without having been checked against a known source, the operator may believe that the circuit being worked on is dead resulting in risk of electrical shock and/or serious injury.

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ENQUIRIES

Enquiries to the manufacturer should be addressed to:

Fluke UK Ltd
The Metro Centre
Dwight Road
Watford
Herts
WD1 8HG

Tel: 01923 216400
Fax: 01923 216405

Enquires to the NIAIC should quote the reference number HN(NI) 2001/26 and be addressed to:

Northern Ireland Adverse Incident Centre (NIAIC)
Health Estates
Estate Policy Directorate
Stoney Road
Dundonald
Belfast BT16 1US
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HOW TO REPORT ADVERSE INCIDENTS

Adverse Incidents relating to medical devices, non-medical equipment, plant and buildings should be reported to NIAIC as soon as possible. Advice on how to report is given in Safety Notice SN (NI) 2000/NIAIC. If you are in doubt about how to report incidents, please speak to your liaison officer or contact NIAIC using the telephone number provided.

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