

Important Announcement

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Reproduction of FPA Australia Logbooks – Breach of Copyright © FPA Australia 2006

FPA Australia has recently become aware of an alarming situation where logbooks designed and produced by the association that have copyright applied have been reproduced by third party organisations without the consent or permission of the association.

FPA Australia views the protection of the association's intellectual property as a very serious matter and this week commenced legal proceedings against an organisation that has clearly breached this copyright by reproducing logbooks and re-distributing our copyright material electronically to their clients.

The association is aware that there is a software provider in the industry that offers these logbooks to their clients as part of the integration into their systems. Clients are forwarded the logbook template electronically and advised to either print their own logbooks or are directed to a printer where they can be purchased.

This action by the software provider, directly by the client or by the printer is all direct breaches of the copyright that is applied to these logbooks.

The association would like to provide the opportunity for any organisation in the industry that may be using this copyright material and have not purchased this material directly from the association to contact the association no later than close of business on Friday 23 December 2011. After this time, any organisation that is found to be using these materials will be legally pursued for copyright breaches.

To assist in identifying FPA Australia logbooks that have copyright applied, we have attached a sample page of the MRR 04 Fire Detection Systems. We would ask that you carefully check the format of your current material against this to determine if it is a reproduction. All genuine FPA Australia logbooks are clearly marked with © FPA Australia 2006 on every page at the right hand lower corner.

In the event that you identify the logbooks you are using to be near identical in nature or appear to be a replication, it is important you contact the association immediately at:

Scott Williams, FPA Australia – CEO on scott.williams@fpaa.com.au or call 03 9890 1544.

The association and its members have invested considerable funds to support the industry with logbooks and the protection of the association's intellectual property is considered paramount.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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The Fire Protection Association Australia is the country's peak body for fire safety, providing information, services and training to the fire protection industry and broader community. For more information, please see www.fpaa.com.au or contact FPA Australia – (03) 9890 1544.