
Reference: Plug lock
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We were asked to look at the Plug Lock and comment on what we thought of this particular product, design and the possible safety aspects.

Under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 (HSAWA) every employer has a duty to provide a safe working environment for all his or her employees; any product that goes to ensure that particular risks are being reduced ensures compliance in conjunction with current risk assessments. **Current legislation requires that in the event of emergencies, electrical flow must be able to be 'cut off'. The design of the Plug Lock, although preventing accidental power isolation, does allow purposeful isolation should this need arise.** Given that the Plug Lock is indeed a simple design, it undoubtedly contributes to additional safety measures employed by both business and private premises alike. This particular product, we feel, is ideally suited for childcare facilities / crèches etc, where 'inquisitive little fingers' may wander. It is unique in its design and extremely practical and a very well thought out piece of safety equipment.

Around 1000 incidents using electrical equipment are reported to the HSE each year. Most electrically related incidents from portable equipment could be eliminated through basic appliance inspection. Simple visual inspection in many cases will suffice. The design of the Plug Lock allows easy access to the plugs in order to commence that inspection. Constantly removing plugs, overloading sockets and pulling on electrical cables all contribute to appliance deterioration; again, this products assists in eliminating this risk.

The product, we found, was extremely easy to fit and use with minimal disruption. We do strongly recommend that power supply be disconnected prior to fitting. We found the Plug Lock to be well manufactured, durable and extremely well designed ergonomically.

These days we are more and more reliant upon electricity points due to the need to use chargers, lamps, computers, printers etc. Any product that adds additional safety can only be recommended. I therefore have pleasure in endorsing this product.

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