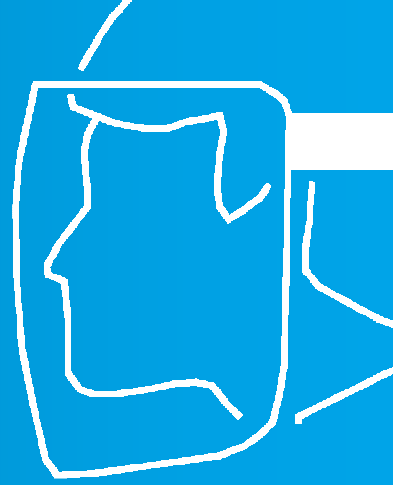


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## DeWALT® product recall – angle grinders and drills.

**We have been informed of a product recall involving DeWALT® drills and grinders.**

**We are issuing this alert as a precautionary measure.**

**If you know anyone who uses this type of equipment, please check if this alert applies and take the action recommended.**

### Details of product recall

#### **Cordless Drills:**

DeWALT® has identified a potential safety issue with some of their hammer drill/drill drivers manufactured **2006 to 2007**. Under very unusual circumstances the switch on these drills can overheat. Although there have been no reports of any injuries associated with this issue, a safety risk cannot be ruled out at this stage.

#### **Models DC935; DC940; DC945**

The potential problem only affects a limited number of models in the extensive range. There have been no reports of any injuries with these models, but the manufacture is taking the precaution of replacing switches on them, free of charge.

Users with one of the models covered by this action are required to stop using their hammer drill/drill driver, remove the battery and arrange to take the equipment to the nearest service agent for refurbishment.

#### **Large Angle Grinders:**

DeWALT® has identified a potential safety issue with some of their 7" and 9" angle grinders.

There is concern that under certain circumstances the side handles could break causing the user to lose control of the equipment.

The manufacturer recommends any angle grinder manufactured before 2011-32 is returned to an authorised distributor. The date code is engraved on the bottom of the grinder casing in an 8 digit format. With the year of manufacture, the week of manufacture & a plant number where made. EG 2011-32 is week 32 in 2011, the plant is not relevant.

#### **Action to be taken**

Managers are to check if any of their drills and angle grinders are affected by this product recall. Any one in possession of a defective drill or grinder should stop using it **immediately** and arrange for its return to an authorised dealer/service centre.

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For more information please contact your local QHSE representative

