



Media Statement

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Landlord fined for illegal plumbing work

A Perth landlord has been ordered to pay a total of \$2,000 in fines and costs in the Perth Magistrates Court for carrying out illegal plumbing.

The Plumbers Licensing Board prosecuted **Carmel Charles Saliba** of Noranda following an inspection and investigation into plumbing work at an East Cannington rental property in August 2008.

Mr Saliba was convicted of having undertaken plumbing work in a laundry and toilet at the house without the necessary licence required under the *Water Services Licensing Act 1995* administered by the Board.

Mr Saliba was fined \$500 and ordered to pay costs of \$1,500 when convicted on Tuesday, 22 September 2009.

Chairperson of the Plumbers Licensing Board Ms Judy Seif said the conviction is a reminder to all landlords, home owners and tenants about their responsibilities with regard to plumbing.

"It is a legal requirement to employ a licensed plumber to undertake any form of plumbing work in residential, commercial, retail or industrial property that they own or rent," Ms Seif said.

"Do-it-yourself efforts, cutting corners or trying to save costs put at risk the health and safety of tenants and families."

For information on the plumbers licensed by the Board use the web site www.buildingcommission.wa.gov.au or for other information on plumbing work and services the public and business should free call **1300 249 223** or email plumbers@commerce.wa.gov.au

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