

Fuel Safety Bulletin

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Subject: Restaurant appliances serviced by uncertified personnel

We have recently been made aware of a severe problem involving restaurant equipment being serviced and maintained by uncertified personnel in our province. Persons are moving here from other provinces and, with little or no experience in propane, have set up a number of companies and have sold their services to restaurant owners as full-service maintenance contractors. These companies are not licensed in this province, nor do they employ certified personnel and, as such, the quality of their service work must be suspect. Property and life is at risk because of these unscrupulous operators. The possibility of an improperly serviced or repaired piece of equipment is very real.

In view of the hazards involved, the Fuel Safety Section will immediately Red Tag any installation found being serviced by such a contractor and will charge the company, and the individual doing this work, under Schedule 27A of the Summary Offence Tickets Regulations. This will result in the shutdown of the client until such time as a certified technician can inspect and test all equipment and verify that it is in safe working order. It is the responsibility of all certified technicians to report any of this type of incident to this office.

Would you please make any affected parties aware of the hazards involved in the hiring of such maintenance companies, and the possible consequences. This Bulletin may be circulated for that purpose.

Should there be any questions regarding this issue please contact me at our Halifax office. Our phone number here is 424-5721 or 1-800-559-3473. Our Fax number is 902-424-3239.

Sincerely

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