

Media release



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Call to public for information on commercial solaria

The EPA is calling on members of the public to come forward with information about the use of a commercial solarium operating illegally around the Brighton/Somerton Park area.

The commercial use of tanning units was banned in South Australia from 31 December 2014 after the *Radiation Protection and Control (Non-ionising Radiation) Regulation 2013* came in to effect.

The EPA has investigated a number of premises believed to be using tanning beds for fee or reward since the legislation commenced and has been proactive in the removal of sunbeds from the former solarium shops.

EPA Manager Investigations Steve Barry said this activity is banned because it is harmful to human health.

“The use of these tanning beds has the potential to cause serious health problems to people who are frequently exposed to the radiation that is emitted from tanning beds,” he said.

“We continue to investigate these matters and are currently aware of a commercial solarium operating illegally in the Brighton/Somerton Park area.

“We ask anyone with information about this salon or the operator to come forward and provide information to the EPA,” Mr Barry said.

Although it is legal to have a tanning unit for private use, the owner must not provide or offer this service for a fee or reward, or in the course of carrying on a business (whether or not for fee or reward).

“The EPA continues to actively investigate premises believed to be using tanning beds for fee or reward. We predominately rely on notifications from the public to identify people running commercial premises due to their clandestine nature.

“Members of the community should be aware of the health risks associated with using these tanning services and should not attend solaria that are operating unlawfully,” Mr Barry said.

A man from Adelaide’s North was convicted in August 2016 of two counts of offering commercial tanning services for fee or reward. He received a \$2,100 fine and required to pay \$900 costs.

The offence carries a maximum penalty of \$10,000 and may also result in the seizure and forfeiture of equipment used in the offending.

Anyone with information on illegal solaria should contact the EPA on 8204 2004.

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