

Have you checked refrigerators/ air conditioners for fluorocarbon refrigerant?

Discharging fluorocarbon refrigerant is illegal under the Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Act 1989 (the Act), and subject to a potential fine of up to \$33,000 for individuals and \$165,000 for corporations.

Did you know:

When you recycle, dismantle or demolish refrigerators/air conditioners (including vehicles with air conditioners) without checking to see if the systems have fluorocarbon refrigerant in them, there is a risk that this gas will discharge into the atmosphere.

Fluorocarbon refrigerant is extremely harmful to the environment. If released into the atmosphere 1kg of the commonly used gas R410a, has the same greenhouse impact as two tonnes of carbon dioxide, which is the equivalent of running a car for six months.

If you are recycling, dismantling or demolishing refrigeration/air conditioning systems, you should ensure that all refrigerant has been removed.

The only people that are allowed, by law, to remove refrigerant from these systems are people holding a licence issued by the Australian Refrigeration Council (ARC), or working under the supervision of a licence holder.

Steps you can take:

- You can find ARC licensed technicians/authorised businesses nearest you on our website at www.lookforthetick.com.au
- You can also recover the refrigerant yourself by applying for a Refrigerant Recoverer Transitional Licence and Restricted Refrigerant Trading Authorisation through the ARC. Conditions apply.

Recovered refrigerant gas can be stored and returned to participating refrigerant wholesalers who will provide rebates or credits.

If you are recovering fluorocarbon refrigerant without a licence/authorisation, this is also an offence under the Act.

Refrigerant recovery plays an important role in helping the environment, and by following this process at your business, you can be confident you are doing the right thing by the environment and the law.

For more information, or to apply for a Refrigerant Recoverer Transitional Licence and Restricted Refrigerant Trading Authorisation, please visit www.arctick.org or contact the ARC Customer Service Team on **1300 88 44 83**.