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Tips for buying safe travel adaptors and USB chargers

USB chargers are an important everyday item that we often take for granted. However, these USB chargers could be unsafe if they were not designed for use in Australia.

Make sure you follow these essential tips for buying safe USB chargers and travel adaptors.



Check the USB charger or Travel Adaptor for the RCM symbol. Make sure the RCM symbol is marked on it.



Make sure the plug pins have plastic insulation as shown in the photo at left.

If the power supply needs a travel adaptor it has not been designed for use in Australia and should not be used.

Travel adaptors



These are designed for temporary use only. They do not convert voltage or frequency.

Check that the rating label of appliance matches the mains voltage and frequency.

In Australia, this is 230V and 50Hz.

If the appliance voltage does not cover 230V DO NOT USE the appliance

If the appliance voltage does not cover 50Hz DO NOT USE the appliance

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Examples of unsafe travel adaptors and USB chargers

Travel adaptor / USB Charger

- No insulation on plug pins
- No RCM marking
- UNSAFE to use.

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