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### **Unlicensed Mt Lawley plumber convicted Paul Duffy**

Mt Lawley man **Paul Joseph Duffy** has been convicted and fined for performing plumbing work without a current licence or permit.

Duffy did not renew his plumbing contractor's licence but continued to operate as a plumber between 2006 and 2008.

He was fined \$500 and ordered to pay \$324 costs by the Perth Magistrates Court for breaching regulations covering plumbing work in WA.

Duffy installed water filtration systems for a drinking water supply company.

His unlawful activities were revealed during the Plumbers Licensing Board proactive compliance checks last year.

Board chair Judy Seif said any person that performed plumbing, water supply, sanitary or drainage plumbing work without a licence risked being prosecuted.

"Unlicensed plumbers and handymen who portray plumbing expertise will continue to come under scrutiny," Ms Seif said.

"Consumers and business customers should always ask to see the plumber's licence card to ensure they are licensed and qualified to do the work to the required standards.

"This is to protect the consumer from health risks, disputes or poor workmanship."

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