



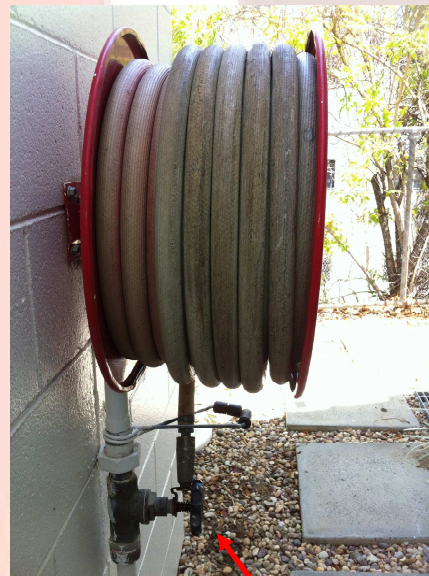
Fire Hose Reels

The Issue: Fire Hose Reels not being rewound correctly.

Our Advice: Building owners and operators need to be aware that Fire Hose Reels are not intended to be used for general purposes.

From time to time, our technicians find Fire Hose Reel that have not been rewound correctly and the hose has been badly kinked, twisted or tangled. This causes damage to the hose and reduces the life of the hose. The hose may not be able to be pulled freely from the reel and in an emergency, this could lead to a dangerous situation for the user and may compromise also insurance coverage.

By law, every Fire Hose must be rewound onto its' reel in flat even layers to maximise the chance of the hose being pulled from the reel easily. The photos below are an example of before and after photos from a site that we attended.



Hose must be inserted through the hose guide and secured in the nozzle lock. Pressure must also be released from the hose and then the hose nozzle turned to the off position.

Where Fire Hose Reels are installed in situations where they are exposed to the weather, they must be provided with protection such as a cabinet or a cover. Where covers are used, they must always be fitted to the Fire Hose Reel.

Penalties can be issued by authorities (e.g. QFES, Liquor Licensing) where their inspectors find Fire Hose Reels in a non-compliant state.