



Safety Awareness

Safety is a top priority at ANU for students, faculty and staff.

Sit Stand Desk Caution (Electrical Safety)

A reported incident has highlighted the dangers of using sit stand desk and sit stand desk top units e.g. Varidesk

The incident occurred outside of ANU however it could reasonably occur here.

The incident involved a person who raised their electric sit stand desk which resulted in desk mechanism cutting through power cable leading to the computer on the desk. This exposed live wiring and potentially shorting through desk structure.

No-one was injured in the incident however it does highlight that staff and students must be vigilant when raising and lowering their desks.



The images above are examples of sit stand desk used across campus.

Take Caution when operating Sit Stand Desks

1. Ensure cables have enough length for max height of desk
2. Do not allow cable to stretch or place tension on connectors
3. Ensure cables do not rub against moving components, wear can expose wires inside cables.
4. Ensure cables between desk and wall have clearance. Desk should be at least 40mm from walls.
5. Ensure cables are routed clear of moving parts of desk.
6. If power fails during operation do not attempt repairs yourself ...contact Facilities and Services