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## **BEWARE TOY GUN WITH LASER**

Consumers are warned not to buy toy guns with powerful lasers that could potentially lead to an eye injury, after such a toy was found on sale at the recent Riverland Field Days.

A product safety inspector from the Office of Consumer and Business Affairs (OCBA) found the item during monitoring at the field days, and testing by SA Police confirmed that the laser exceeded the allowable limit of one milliwatt.

This particular item is a small silver toy revolver that emits a red laser light.

Minister for Consumer Affairs, Gail Gago says only a few of the toy guns had been sold.

“Toys with powerful lasers have the potential to damage a person’s eye or to distract drivers, and they have been banned from sale in South Australia since December last year,” says Minister Gago.

“It is always concerning when a previously banned item is offered for sale in this state, because it means that the safety of consumers is at risk and it also means that a trader hasn’t bothered to make the appropriate checks about their wares.”

OCBA is continuing its investigation into the trader, who is based in Victoria but travels to various events such as field days across the country.

Minister Gago warned that traders caught selling a banned item can face a maximum penalty of \$10,000 under the *Trade Standards Act 1929*.

“It is an offence to sell a banned item, because of the serious risks associated with the item. Products can be banned if they present a real safety threat and can’t be redesigned to overcome the problem,” says Minister Gago.

“Consumers who have purchased one of the toy guns should contact OCBA for assistance in seeking a refund, otherwise they should destroy the toy so that no-one gets hurt.”

For more information consumers can contact OCBA’s product safety section on 8152 0732, or for country callers 131 882. More information about banned and dangerous products is available at [www.ocba.sa.gov.au](http://www.ocba.sa.gov.au) or [www.recalls.gov.au](http://www.recalls.gov.au)

*Pictures of the toy revolver are available*