

# Memo-Servicing & Technical Info

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**Aqua-gas Series 19 Hydrant outlet fitting – Safety Alert**



**For members providing riser servicing and accessing/checking hydrants**

"Fire and Rescue Services (FRS) throughout Wales and Hereford have been issued with a National FRS bulletin relating to safety issues identified with certain fire hydrant types within the UK.

Where such hydrants are discovered, FRS staff have been instructed that **this type of hydrant is not to be used even in the case of an emergency.**

The hydrants in question are the series 19 hydrant type supplied by Aqua gas and installed circa 1996-2006. The mouthpiece where the standpipe is attached is held onto the main body by a pin and is not bolted down. There have been three injuries reported nationally to the Fire Service (one requiring a fire officer to undergo reconstructive surgery to his face). Incidents have occurred during firefighting operations, where the apparatus has detached from the main. Due to the risk posed, these hydrants are no longer allowed to be used....."

IFEDA recommends that if you come across this type of hydrant fitting as well as informing the Responsible Person (who may forget or not understand the seriousness) an email to the local station fire officer should also be sent.