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## **Check your roof gutters**

THE Office of Fair Trading wants people to have their say on high front gutters, several months after Canterbury's Cr Linda Eisler raised concerns about their capacity.

In April, Cr Eisler's motion to write to the Minister for Fair Trading about problems with high front gutters was rejected, and replaced with a motion to make owners and builders aware about the differences in roof guttering.

Now, the Office of Fair Trading says anyone who has had problems with installation, is urged to contact them.

Minister for Fair Trading Virginia Judge said a small number of claims about possible problems associated with the use of high front gutters on residential homes have been raised.

"I take any such claims very seriously, and at my direction, Fair Trading has held meetings with industry, manufactures and insurers and issued a practice guide to industry," Ms Judge said.

Cr Eisler has previously urged residents to check their roof guttering to ensure it doesn't overflow and fall into the cavity, which can then cause the exposure of electrical wiring.

High front gutters are mostly used on new homes, as they reduce the building costs by eliminating or minimising eaves - the part of the roof that overhangs the walls of the building.

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