



Government of **Western Australia**  
Department of **Commerce**  
**EnergySafety**

# Inspections of electrical and gas installations in remote areas

Make sure you use a licensed electrical contractor or gas fitter whenever you have electrical or gasfitting work done.

## **About EnergySafety**

EnergySafety is a Division of the Department of Commerce.

In Western Australia, EnergySafety is responsible for ensuring:

- the safety of people (the public, energy workers and consumers) in respect of electricity and gas utility infrastructure;
- consumers have safe electrical and gas installations at their premises;
- appliances are safe to use; and
- appliances and electrical equipment offered for sale are labelled and will perform in compliance with prescribed energy efficiency standards.

## **Inspections by EnergySafety**

The electrical and gas installations of all premises in Western Australia need to comply with relevant legislation and appropriate standards.

This is necessary to protect people, livestock and property from electric shock, fire and physical injury.

Notwithstanding that particular premises may not be connected to an electricity network operator or to a gas supplier, the electrical and gas installations must still comply with relevant legislation.

From time to time, electrical or gas inspectors from EnergySafety may conduct an inspection of electrical and gas installations for safety and compliance with legislative requirements and standards.

## **Identification of inspectors**

An EnergySafety inspector will have an official EnergySafety identity card or badge and a Certificate of Designation as an inspector (Electricity or Gas). Should the owner/manager, occupier or representative wish to make further checks, queries can be directed to EnergySafety, Cannington as detailed in this brochure.

## **Inspections of electrical installations**

As part of their inspection work, EnergySafety inspectors may carry out inspections of installations not connected to a network operator's system.

EnergySafety inspectors therefore inspect electrical installations at Rottneest Island, Aboriginal communities (with no network operator), pastoral leases and stations, tourist resorts, homesteads, caravan parks, roadhouses and remote communities which have their own stand-alone power system (or which may be part of a local distribution scheme) to ensure compliance with relevant legislation and that safety requirements are satisfied.

If defects are found in an installation, the inspector will issue an Inspector's Order for remedial work to be carried out by a licensed electrical contractor.

The work has to be done by such a contractor, as it is illegal for anyone to carry out electrical work on circuits operating at greater than 50 volts AC, without the relevant electrical licence.

On completion of any electrical work, an electrical contractor must submit a 'Notice' (Notice of Completion) to EnergySafety to certify that the electrical work has been checked and tested, complies with the relevant standards and is safe.

A certificate of compliance (Electrical Safety Certificate) must also be completed and a copy given to the customer upon completion of any electrical installation work.

## **Inspections of gas installations**

EnergySafety may also carry out safety inspections of consumers' gas installations that are not connected to a utility's network or are not supplied with LP Gas directly from a distributor.

When an EnergySafety inspector carries out an inspection at a remote area property, the inspector may request to be shown the LP Gas installation that provides gas for cooking and heating and any other purposes.

The inspector will make an appraisal of the installation.

If non-compliance or safety problems are found, an order may be issued for remedial work to be carried out by a licensed gas fitter.

It should be noted that a number of licensed electrical contractors have employees who are also licensed gas fitters, and the use of such a contractor may be beneficial if both electrical and gas work are required at a remote location.

## **To contact an inspector**

EnergySafety inspectors may be contacted at the following Commerce offices:

### **Cannington**

Level 1, 303 Sevenoaks Street

(Corner Grose Avenue)

Cannington WA 6107

Tel: (08) 6251 1900

Fax: (08) 6251 1901

### **Geraldton**

Shop 3 Post Office Plaza

50-52 Durlacher Street

Geraldton WA 6530

Tel: (08) 9920 9800

Fax: (08) 9964 5678

## **Kalgoorlie**

Suite 4 37 Brookman St

Kalgoorlie WA 6430

Tel: (08) 9026 3250

Fax: (08) 9021 8648

## **Bunbury**

8th Floor Bunbury Tower

61 Victoria Street

Bunbury WA 6230

Tel: (08) 9722 2888

Fax: (08) 9791 2263

## **Reporting of incidents**

Network operators and EnergySafety investigate all electrical accidents.

Where an accident involving electricity has caused, or is likely to cause, danger to life, shock or injury to a person; or loss or damage to property; any person who is aware of the accident or danger must report the fact to the network operator. If the person cannot identify the relevant network operator, the fact must be reported to the Director of Energy Safety (ie EnergySafety).

If the person who is aware of the occurrence is an employee, it is sufficient for the matter to be reported to the employer of that person.

An employer who receives a report of an electrical accident must report the matter to the relevant network operator (or to the Director of EnergySafety if the network operator cannot be identified).

Reports to the Director of EnergySafety may be made by telephoning:

**Freecall 1800 678 198**

(all hours, for use inside Western Australia only)

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Cannington WA 6107

Telephone: (08) 6251 1900

Facsimile: (08) 6251 1901

National Relay Service: 13 36 77

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Cloisters Square WA 6850

Website: [www.energysafety.wa.gov.au](http://www.energysafety.wa.gov.au)

Email: [energysafety@commerce.wa.gov.au](mailto:energysafety@commerce.wa.gov.au)

### **Regional offices**

Goldfields/Esperance (08) 9026 3250

Great Southern (08) 9842 8366

Kimberley (08) 9191 8400

Mid-West (08) 9920 9800

North-West (08) 9185 0900

South-West (08) 9722 2888

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