



Electrical safety devices in your home

Keeping your home safe from electric shocks and fires



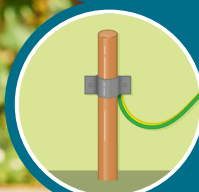
Smoke alarm

Detects smoke and warns you about a possible fire.



RCD (safety switch)

Cuts power during a fault to help protect against electric shock and fire.



Main earth

Safely directs fault currents into the ground, helping protect against electric shock.



Why do we inspect electrical safety devices?

To help keep tenants and householders safe by ensuring electrical safety devices are working correctly. A licensed electrician will inspect and test:

- Residual Current Devices (RCDs)
- Smoke alarms
- The main earth connection



What happens during the testing?

- Your power will be turned off for a short time.
- The electrician will test the safety devices.
- The electrician will repair or replace any faulty safety devices.



How can I help?

- ✓ Answer calls and messages from the electrician.
- ✓ Make sure the switchboard and smoke alarms are easy to access.
- ✓ Keep pets safely away from the work area.
- ✓ Tell the electrician about any electrical problems you have noticed.
- ✓ Do not remove or disconnect smoke alarms or other electrical safety devices.

Is your phone number up to date?

Update your details through Housing Online, or by phoning Housing Direct on **1300 137 677** or your local office.

Frequently asked questions



What should I do if I get an electric shock?

- ✓ Stop using the item immediately and move away from it.
- ✓ Seek medical attention, even if the shock feels minor.
- ✓ Report the incident to Housing Direct as soon as possible. An electrician will be arranged to attend the property, and the electricity provider may also need to attend if required.
- ✓ Please ensure access is available, as the electricity provider will disconnect the power if they cannot gain access.



Can someone let the electrician in for me?

Yes. Another adult can provide access for the electrician.



What if I do not allow access?

Important safety checks can only be completed when access is available. If access cannot be arranged after several attempts, the Department may need to consider further action under the *Residential Tenancies Act 1987*.



How long will the inspection take?

Usually less than 15 minutes. If extra work is needed, it may take longer.



Will my power be turned off?

Yes. Your power will be turned off for a short time while the electrician tests the safety devices.



What happens if a problem is found?

The electrician will repair or replace faulty safety devices.



Do I have to pay?

No. The inspection and any required safety device repairs are provided at no cost. However, costs may apply if appointments are repeatedly missed and access cannot be arranged after several attempts.



ELECTRIC SHOCK RISK

Do not touch

Call Housing Direct
on **1300 137 677**

Further electrical safety information, including RCD guidance and resources in other languages, is available from Building and Energy on the WA Government website: **www.energysafety.wa.gov.au**