

Media Release



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Save energy for electricity safety this Easter

Essential Energy is encouraging customers to invest time in electrical safety checks before undertaking home improvement projects this Easter long weekend.

General Manager Safety, HR and Environment, David Nardi, recommended some simple safety checks before jumping in to get that list of jobs done.

“Before using power tools or electrical equipment, know where the electrical wiring is within your work space,” David said.

“Check tools for frayed cords or loose connections, do not overload power boards and keep extension leads to a minimum.

“Ensure your home, workshops and sheds are fitted with electricity safety switches such as Residual Current Devices or Earth Leakage Circuit Breakers.”

In 2016-17, three deaths were recorded in New South Wales involving consumers performing electrical installations*.

“Essential Energy advises that a qualified electrician should be engaged for all jobs involving electrical wiring,” David said.

“If you suspect someone may have received an electrical shock, do not attempt to touch them until the power has been disconnected. Call Essential Energy immediately on 13 23 91 or call Triple 0 (000) if the situation is life-threatening,” he added.

For more information on electrical safety, visit essentialenergy.com.au/safety or call Essential Energy on **13 23 91**.

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**(2016-2017 Electrical Fatal Incident Data report for Australia and New Zealand, Electrical Regulatory Authorities Council)*

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