

Media Release



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Sign up to school electricity safety program

Primary schools across regional and rural NSW have less than one month left to register for Essential Energy's annual electricity safety program.

General Manager Safety, HR and Environment, David Nardi, said the public safety awareness program teaches students how to stay safe around electricity in the home, school and outdoors.

"During Electricity Safety Week from 10-14 September, participating schools learn practical electrical safety tips through interactive and in-class resources," David said.

"Students use their problem-solving skills to identify potential hazards and solve a range of electricity-related tasks. Quizzes, videos and animated scenarios engage the children to reinforce the safety messaging."

Schools have until Monday, 20 August to register and receive a free resource kit which includes:

- Electricity safety posters and fact sheets
- A simple circuit kit including a light bulb, lamp holder, switch, battery and wires to show students how electricity works
- Interactive whiteboard lessons and video content; and
- Student prizes of electricity safety stickers and self-powered torches.

The resources have been developed with the NSW Department of Education to meet the Science and Technology and PDHPE curriculum requirements.

A popular component of the program is the 'Be a Safety Star' poster competition where schools have a chance to win \$1,000 for their P&C Association by finding creative ways to share the safety message.

"Students are encouraged to use their imagination to create an original electrical safety-inspired artwork to make everyone aware of how to stay safe around electricity," David said.

The 'Be a Safety Star' poster competition has three categories: Kindergarten-Year 2, Years 3-4, or Years 5-6. One winner from each category will receive \$1,000 for their P&C Association to spend on safety improvements within their school.

Entries for the poster competition are now open and close 5pm Friday, 28 September 2018. Schools can visit essentialenergy.com.au/postercomp for more information.

To register for Electricity Safety Week 2018, email essential@primary-pr.com, call 9212 3888 or visit essentialenergy.com.au/education.

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