

Safety Newsletter

*The latest safety news, views
and announcements*



Did you know?

As of 1st January 2025 in Queensland, the Electrical Safety Office has stated that all workers going into a roof space need to switch off the power at the main switchboard before anyone enters the roof space. This applies to anyone putting their hand in the roof space or poking their head up to have a look. This helps prevent electrical incidents. If the power cannot be turned off, extra safety steps must be followed.

You don't need to be an electrician to turn off the power. Workers can do this themselves by switching the power off at the main switchboard.

What is the impact...

Workers need to let the occupant know in advance that they will be turning off the power and take steps to ensure it is not turned back on while they are in the roof space. These steps can include but are not limited to speaking with the occupant, signage on the main switchboard and/or locking out the switchboard. This applies to all types of buildings.

Workers will need to ensure that any medical equipment or electrical items belonging to the occupant have been turned off. This will help ensure the occupant's belongings are not damaged.

Useful resources

WorkSafe Qld - [Carrying out work in or entering domestic roof spaces | WorkSafe.qld.gov.au](https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/work-in-or-entering-domestic-roof-spaces)

Electrical Safety Qld - <https://www.electricalsafety.qld.gov.au/electrical-safety-home/roof-spaces>

Electrical Safety Office Qld Explanation Video - [Work in or entering domestic roof spaces](https://www.electricalsafety.qld.gov.au/electrical-safety-home/roof-spaces)

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