

If you own a business or work in the rural industry

You must think of electrical safety

Coming into contact with electricity is a major cause of injuries and deaths in the rural industry.

Under Queensland law owners and operators of rural businesses must assess electrical risks on a regular basis and take appropriate safety measures.

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The *Code of Practice Electrical Equipment – Rural Industry* gives instructions on how owners and operators of rural businesses can deal with the hazards and risks of electrical farm equipment such as power tools, motors, pumps, fixed installations and the activity of electric welding.



This means that rural businesses must:

- Visually inspect electrical equipment such as power tools before they use them.
- Assess whether there are certain electrical risks, and if there are, put safety measures in place. Using an electrical safety switch is one of the important safety measures that the law and the code of practice calls for.
- Take specific precautions against electric shock and burns when electric welding including wearing protective footwear, gloves and clothing.

The code is a step by step way of assessing electrical safety on a farm and putting safety measures in place that protect you and your workers from electrical risks.

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