

Take five and stay alive with electricity

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1. Safety switches save lives

- If you don't have a safety switch on your switchboard, get one installed by a licensed electrical contractor.
- Push the test button on the safety switch every three months to make sure it turns the power off. Then turn power back on. If it doesn't turn the power off, get it replaced by a licensed electrical contractor.



2. Beware of hidden dangers

- Don't use damaged power points, switches, electrical equipment, appliances or cords with frayed or broken wires.
- Get the damaged item repaired or replaced immediately by a licensed electrical contractor.
- Keep all electrical items clear of water and splashes, and always wear shoes when using electrical items.

3. Don't do your own electrical work

- Don't fix broken electrical items, don't do your own electrical wiring or do any other electrical work.
- Get a licensed electrical contractor to do it.

4. Keep away from overhead powerlines

- Don't get too close to powerlines or railway overhead lines.
- Stay safe and don't let anything touch powerlines. Look up and live.

5. Keep children safe

- Don't let babies or young children near any power point, cord or appliance.
- Keep babies and young children away from all power tools and electrical equipment.

Don't take risks with electricity, keep your family and friends safe.

Get more information from:

Indigenous Information Services Free call 1800 190 757

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