

Home Electrical Safety Checklist

- You have had RCDs (safety switches) installed and you test them every three months.
- You have working smoke alarms which you test monthly and replace the batteries yearly.
- You always use a licensed electrician for electrical work.
- You never use a power tool, appliance or lead that you know is faulty or has a frayed cord.
- There are no electrical appliances used in wet areas or near pools.
- There are no damaged powerpoints or switches in your home.
- You always turn the power off before you go into the ceiling space.
- You always switch off a power outlet before you plug in or unplug any power tool or appliance.
- Ceiling insulation does not cover your downlights.
- You are aware of overhead powerlines and service lines – especially when using ladders.
- When not in use, accessible powerpoints have plastic plugs in them to protect young children.
- You teach your kids about being safe with electricity.
- Your outside party lights are suitable for outdoor use.
- You arrange a check of your solar power system every year.
- An electrician has checked the safety of private power poles on your property in the last five years.
- The manufacturer's instructions for use of electrical equipment are to hand.
- Your home's earth stake is in good condition.