



KEEPING SAFE AT HOME

READ THESE TIPS TO KEEP YOU AND YOUR FAMILY SAFE AROUND ELECTRICITY AT HOME.



APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL FITTINGS:

- Switch off the power before plugging or unplugging appliances, and hold the plug, not the cord.
- Always switch off appliances before cleaning them.
- Never stick a knife into a toaster to release stuck toast.
- Never piggyback double adapters. If you need extra power points, have a licensed electrical contractor install additional outlets, or use a powerboard.

WATER AND ELECTRICITY:

- Never touch electrical appliances or switches with wet hands.
- Keep appliances away from swimming pools.
- Never leave a hair dryer or shaver plugged into a power point – it could fall into the bath or basin.

More safety information available at:

ergon.com.au/safetyheroes
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MAINTENANCE:

- Always check for concealed electrical cables before drilling into walls, floors and ceilings. Be particularly careful when drilling around power points and light switches.
- Do regular safety checks to ensure your appliances and electrical fittings are safe. Replace damaged power points and frayed, perished or damaged cords.
- If you are a home handy person, draw the line at electrical jobs. Doing your own electrical work isn't only dangerous, it's illegal. Always use a licensed electrical contractor.

ELECTRIC SHOCKS:

- Never touch or attempt to rescue someone who is receiving an electric shock - you may end up receiving a shock yourself. If it's safe to do so, turn the power off. Stay well clear and call Triple Zero (000).
- If you experience tingles or shocks from an electrical appliance or water taps, it may be a sign that something's wrong. Report it immediately and have your licensed electrical contractor check your wiring.

REMEMBER THESE IMPORTANT SAFETY TIPS.

Always use a licensed electrical contractor for any electrical work around your home.

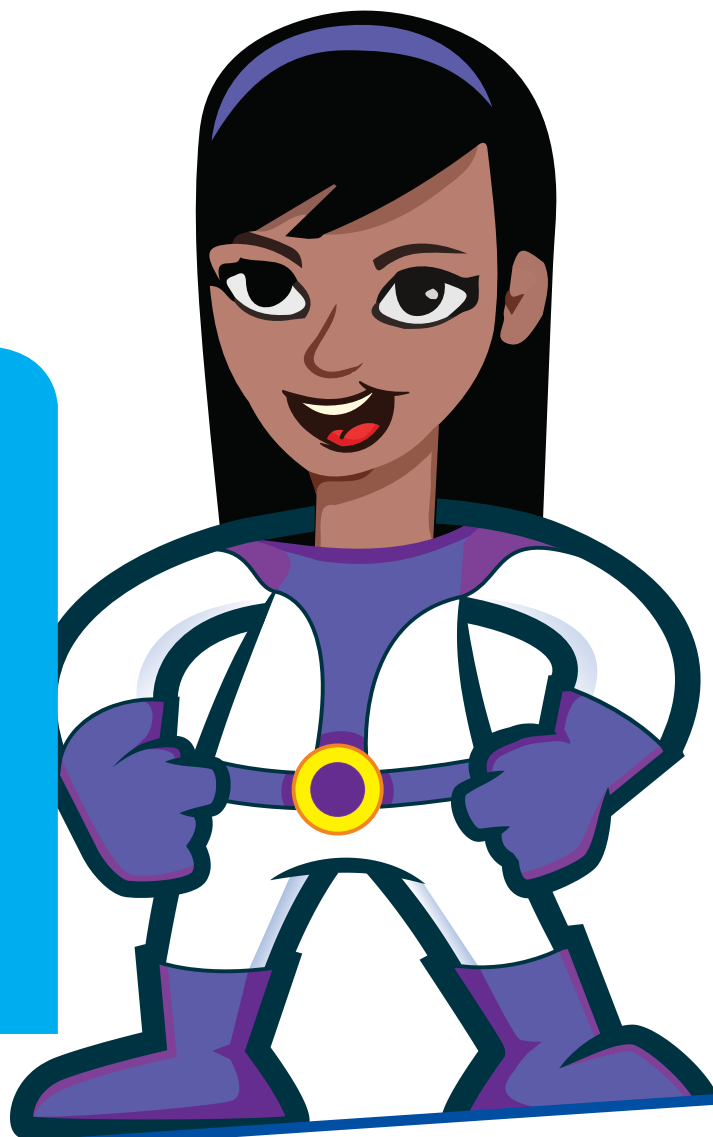
Test your safety switch every 3 months.

Keep electrical appliances away from water.

Stay away from fallen powerlines and report them immediately to Triple Zero (000).

POWERLINES:

- Look up and live. Be aware of overhead powerlines, especially when using ladders or moving equipment around your property.
- Always assume fallen powerlines are live. Stay clear, warn others to stay away and call Triple Zero (000).
- Don't attempt to trim trees or branches near powerlines. Always call a professional tree trimmer to trim any vegetation that's close to powerlines.
- Know where underground cables are. Call *Dial Before You Dig* on 1100, request your plans at www.1100.com.au or download the free Dial Before You Dig app.



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