



# KEEPING SAFE IN FLOODS

## Dear Parents and Guardians,

This term at school your child has been learning about electricity and electrical safety through our Safety Heroes program. You can find out more about the program at:

[ergon.com.au/safetyheroes](http://ergon.com.au/safetyheroes)  
[energex.com.au/safetyheroes](http://energex.com.au/safetyheroes)

*Read these tips to keep you and your family safe in floods*



### PREPARING BEFORE A FLOOD:

- If you're in a flood prone location, consider relocating your switchboard and any wiring in your home that may be below previous flood levels.
- Where possible, move any electrical equipment to higher ground.
- Turn off and unplug any electrical appliances that may become inundated with water.

### DURING A FLOOD:

- If moving around your area in boats, be aware of reduced powerline height clearances as flood waters will make you closer to the powerlines and power poles can also move from the force of flood waters.
- Warn children not to swim in flood waters.

### AFTER A FLOOD:

- Unplug all electrical appliances affected by water and have them inspected by a licensed electrical contractor before use.
- Have a licensed electrical contractor check or isolate any parts of your electrical installation that have been affected by water – especially if the switchboard has been submerged or if your safety switch has tripped.
- Do not operate electrical appliances or switches while standing in water or bare feet.
- Take extra care around your switchboard. If it's outdoors, wear synthetic or rubber soled shoes. If you are in any doubt about your switchboard's safety, stay clear and call your licensed electrical contractor.

**More safety information available at:**

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