



To the Owner / Occupier

**NEW SAFETY REGULATIONS  
STRICT CONTROLS ON ELECTRICIANS WORKING ON ENERGISED  
ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS**

The purpose of this letter is to let you know that electricians are prohibited from carrying out electrical work on installations while they remain energised (or live). Electrical workers have suffered far too many serious shock accidents and fatalities and caused serious property damage from working on energised circuits and equipment.

Recognising this, the Government of Western Australia has enacted specific regulations banning such work except under very special conditions. Working on energised installations is permissible only in rare circumstances and must comply with rigorous safety precautions.

Any person entering the roof space of a house to perform paid work must turn off the main switch in the meter box before doing so. This includes electricians.

I have written this letter to assist electrical contractors to inform their clients about the new regulations.

I am sure you do not wish to have a serious electrical accident occur on your property or suffer the consequences of damage to your electrical equipment.

I trust that you agree that safety must be the paramount consideration and understand why your electrical contractor must switch off the electricity supply to all or part of your installation when carrying out the work you have requested.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours faithfully

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