

ELECTRICITY

SAFETY and YOU!

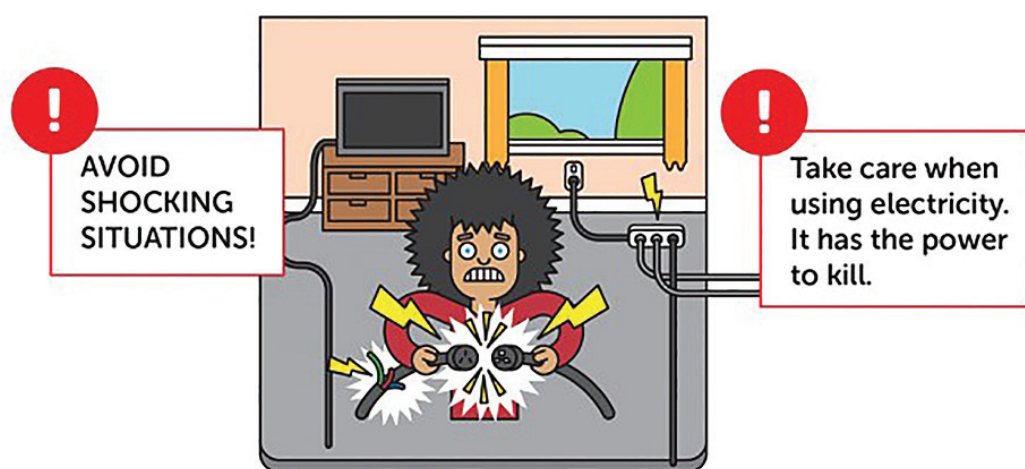


Electricity is all around us, in our homes and backyards and our lives would be far less exciting without it. But with electricity comes potential hazards and we want to ensure you know what to look out for and how to deal with any dangers.

You should always assume an electrical wire is LIVE until you have checked it is switched off and unplugged. LIVE wires can cause an electric shock and severe injury, or even death, if not managed carefully.

When using electricity inside your home:

- ⚡ Be careful never to let electrical appliances get near water - water and electricity are a deadly combination!
- ⚡ Never use water to extinguish an electrical fire - have a fire extinguisher in the house.
- ⚡ Never use electrical cords that have loose wires or worn, cracked or bent plugs.
- ⚡ Don't overload multi-boxes or put more than two plugs into a single plug point.
- ⚡ Turn off the light switch before you change the light bulb.
- ⚡ Keep all furniture, clothes and curtains at least one metre away from heaters and fireplaces.
- ⚡ If taking electricity outside through an extension cord, ensure you have an RCD (residual current device) plugged into the power point.



When working outside your home:

- ⚡ Know if you have an overhead or underground electricity supply to your house.
- ⚡ Check for underground electricity cables or other services before digging your garden or building that fence.
- ⚡ Temporarily disconnect power before starting on your outdoor jobs near electricity lines. If you need to carry out your work close to live lines, call Nelson Electricity to arrange for a free safety isolation.
- ⚡ Monitor growth and keep trees trimmed that grow near wires.
- ⚡ Never let children play close to power lines or poles.
- ⚡ Never attempt to do any work on your meter board or connect any power wiring yourself – this must be done by a licensed inspector.

If you're ever in doubt about what you can and cannot do with electricity around your home, don't hesitate to call Nelson Electricity for advice. We are here to help and here to keep you safe!