

Never attempt
your own
electrical work—
it's **dangerous**
and **illegal**.
Call a licensed
electrical
contractor.



Contact:

National Electrical and Communications
Association Queensland – 1300 657 488
www.necaq.asn.au

Your local licensed electrical contractor in
the Yellow Pages or your local newspaper.

Energex – 13 12 53
www.energex.com.au

Ergon Energy – 13 10 46
www.ergon.com.au

You may be able to pay for
a safety switch over 12 months.
Ask when inquiring about installation.

In the blink of an eye

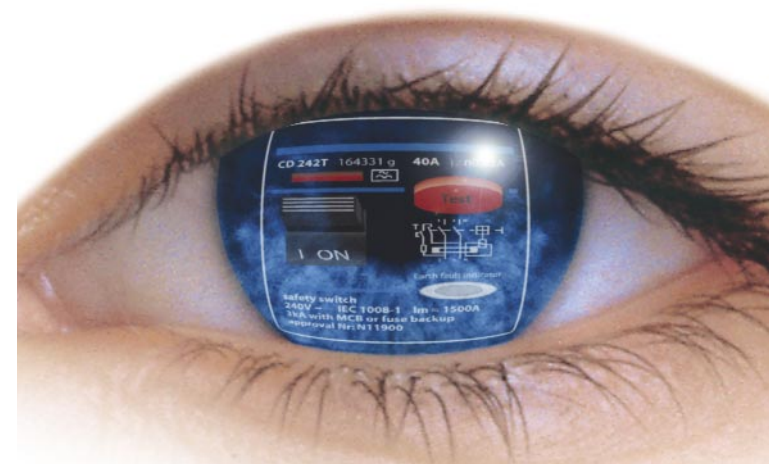


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BUYING A HOME?



**Remember
the safety switch.**
It could save your life.

About to buy a house, flat or unit?

Check whether there's an electrical safety switch on the premises.

Look on the switchboard. You can recognise the safety switch by its test button.

If there's no safety switch on the premises, it's legally up to you as buyer to have one installed within three months of transfer.

The law applies to any home transfer including estate, Family Law and mortgagee transfers. Maximum penalties exceed \$1000.

Sellers' responsibilities

Sellers have responsibilities, too.

The seller must declare whether the home has a safety switch.

This must be declared on the:

- standard sales contract
- Form 24 Property Transfer information.

Real estate agents and solicitors will be aware of these requirements.

Some sellers might prefer to have a safety switch installed before they place a home on the market.

Why? Because it might help smooth the way for a sale.

This way, potential buyers will know their loved ones are protected from most types of electrical shock.

And it will satisfy those financiers who require confirmation that a safety switch is installed.

Electrical contractors

Electrical contractors may do installation work on a home sold or transferred after 1 September 2002 only if a safety switch is installed as part of the work or if it is an emergency.

Safety switches provide relatively inexpensive insurance against accidents with electricity.

Prices can vary, so it's a good idea to obtain at least two quotes.

Did you know that in the past decade, more than 40 people have died in Queensland homes from electrical shocks? Nearly 2200 were injured.

An electrical safety switch cuts off power—in the blink of an eye—possibly preventing a tragedy.

Safety switches have been compulsory in new homes in Queensland since 1992. Yet they're missing from about half a million homes built before that time.

The switchboard on the premises is the place to look.

Remember, safety switches are compulsory within three months of transfer.

