

USE RESIDUAL CURRENT DEVICES TO HELP PROTECT YOUR FAMILY FROM ELECTROCUTION



A residual current device (RCD) is a safety switch that helps protect you and your family from electrocution.

When an RCD detects a problem with your power supply, it switches the power off within 10 to 50 milliseconds to prevent electric shock.

Under new RCD regulations, all residential homes sold or leased in Western Australia after August 2009 must have a minimum of two RCDs protecting all power point and lighting circuits.

If a new tenant takes up residency, the RCDs must be installed before the lease agreement is signed. In the case of continuing tenancy, owners have until 8 August 2011 to fit the RCDs.

Electrical inspectors will monitor homes that are sold or leased for compliance with the regulations. Breaches will attract penalties of up to \$15,000 for individuals and up to \$100,000 for body corporates.

If you own a residential property and do not intend to sell or lease it, you are not required to have RCDs installed. However, Horizon Power strongly recommends that you consider this potentially life-saving investment.

To have a RCD installed in your home or business, speak to an electrical contractor.

For more information, visit www.energysafety.wa.gov.au/RCD



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