## Work Safe: Electricity

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Fourth Year Electrical Apprentice**

Hi. I’m Matt. I’m a fourth year electrical apprentice. I’m really looking forward to getting signed off and making some real money.

And when I’m done here, I’m going to look at new dual cab. But what good is a new ute if I’m seriously injured?

Electrical shocks are the number three cause of serious injury and death in our industry, so let’s just take a minute and talk about how we can stay safe around electricity.

Always assume the electrical wiring is live. When working with extension cables and power tools, check for a current test tag and any cable damage. Don’t yank on cables or pull them around corners.

Lock out tags protect everyone on site. If a switchboard circuit has been locked out, don’t even think of removing the tag.

Always plug your tools into an RCD box or an RCD protected circuit.

Before you go cutting or drilling into walls, make sure that you talk to us sparkies first so you don’t electrocute yourself on some cables.

Listen up at your tool box talks so you know what’s going on with power on site. Make sure you follow the Safe Work Method Statements, your SWMS.

And what about you? Are you good to go? No drugs or alcohol or distractions? If you see anything electrical that’s unsafe, turn it off, stop work and find the site supervisor.

Electricity can kill. When you’re working around electricity, think safe, work safe, go home safe.

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