

**Landlords!**

# Safety switches for domestic rental properties

Preventing electric shock, electrocution and  
property damage

## Protecting tenants and property

As of 1 March 2008, it is compulsory for all owners of leased domestic residences to have safety switches installed for all power points.



## Information for owners

If you own a leased domestic residence you have an obligation to ensure all power points are protected by a safety switch or switches. If the residence does not have safety switch protection for all power points you need to arrange installation by a licensed electrician.

Maximum penalties exceed \$1000.

## Information for tenants

If the property you are renting does not have a safety switch, contact your landlord or rental agent to advise them of the legal requirement to have safety switch protection installed by a licensed electrician.

## Why are safety switches so important?

A safety switch can help guard against an electrical tragedy in your home. Safety switches are designed to cut the supply of electricity in a fraction of a second when a harmful level of electricity is detected leaking to earth.

## How can I tell if there is a safety switch?

The switchboard is the best place to look for permanently installed safety switches. Safety switches can be easily identified – they are the ones with a ‘test’ button.

For more information visit [www.deir.qld.gov.au](http://www.deir.qld.gov.au) or telephone **1300 650 662**