



Electrical Safety Office

If you own a business or work in the rural industry

You must think of electrical safety

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The *Electrical Safety Code of Practice 2010 — Electrical Equipment Rural Industry* gives instructions on how owners and operators of rural businesses can deal with the hazards and risks of electrical farm equipment such as power tools, motors, pumps, fixed installations and the activity of electric welding.



Coming into contact with electricity is a major cause of injury and death in the rural industry.

Under Queensland law, owners and operators of rural businesses must assess electrical risks on a regular basis and take appropriate safety measures.

This means that rural businesses must:

- visually inspect electrical equipment such as power tools before use.
- assess whether there are electrical risk factors present, and if so, put safety measures in place. The *Electrical Safety Code of Practice 2010 — Electrical Equipment Rural Industry* recommends using an electrical safety switch to manage this risk.
- take specific precautions against electric shock and burns when using electric welding by wearing protective footwear, gloves and clothing.

The code is a step by step way to assess electrical safety on the farm and put safety measures in place to protect you and your workers from electrical risk.

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Download a copy of the booklet *Electricity in the rural industry — using it safely* or a copy of the code from www.electricalsafety.qld.gov.au or telephone **1300 650 662**.