

Are you ready?

Plan for electrical safety before storm, cyclone and flood season with this handy tick-and-flick checklist.

Before

- Secure loose objects/furniture so they aren't blown into powerlines
- Ensure tree branches are clear of powerlines
- Check that your safety switch works (if you don't have one already, get one installed)
- Prepare an emergency kit including battery powered torches, portable radio and batteries
- Know how and where to turn off your power, gas and water supply

During

- Switch off and unplug all electrical equipment
- Don't use a fixed telephone – it may deliver an electric shock
- In the event of flood, place electrical items high off the ground
- Listen to a battery powered radio for storm and power outage updates
- If driving stop well clear of powerlines, trees or water and stay in your vehicle unless it is unsafe to do so

After

- Keep listening to a battery powered radio for storm updates and advice
- If mains power is lost, contact your electricity provider and stay well clear of fallen or damaged powerlines
- Keep clear of conductive material such as foil insulation as this may be carrying an electrical charge
- If your home or business is affected, contact a licensed electrical contractor to inspect and test the electrical safety of your home

If using a generator

- Only connect it to the house if you have had a licensed electrical contractor fit a generator change-over switch
- Always run it outdoors or in a well-ventilated area and do not exceed the load rating
- Only use it to run essential appliances, such as the fridge

For more information on preparing for storm season visit the **Electrical Safety Office website** www.electricalsafety.qld.gov.au