

What to do in an electrical emergency

Electricity can kill in an instant.

 **If lives are in danger call 000.**

Fallen powerlines

Stay well clear – just standing near them can be fatal.

Stay more than 8 – 10 metres away.

Always treat fallen powerlines as live even when they are broken. Never go near them or anything they may be touching, such as vehicles, metal fences or pools of water.

Call your electricity supply company and the Police to report the location of any fallen lines.

Household electrical issues

NEVER do your own electrical work – DIY can equal DIE.

Some people think they can fix things themselves but it takes years to become a licensed electrician. Whether you're at work or doing your own jobs around the house, DIY=DIE when it comes to electrical work.

Source

Energy Safe VIC Website: [What to do in an Electrical Emergency](#)

Power outages

Call your electricity supply company to let them know your power is out. For outage details, check their website/app.

Storms are the most common cause of power outages as strong winds often cause trees to fall across powerlines, interrupting supply.

Always be prepared for power outages and have a torch, charged mobile phone and battery-operated radio. If you use electricity to run a water pump, make sure you have an alternative source for fresh water or a non-electric pump available.

In the event of a power failure turn off and unplug all electrical appliances at the powerpoint. This will help to prevent equipment damage in the event of a power surge.

For more information, read you can also take a look at the Energy Safe Victoria Guide to power outages brochure, which can be found here.



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