



Safety switches and domestic rental properties

Owners of domestic rental accommodation in Queensland must have a safety switch installed in their rental properties if one is not fitted.

Landlords

If your rental property does not have a safety switch installed you must arrange installation by a licensed electrician.

If a safety switch is not installed in your rental property you may get fines of up to \$1,500.

The safety switch must be installed by a licensed electrical contractor.

[Find out more about what an electrical licence looks like, and check whether your electrician is licensed.](http://www.deir.qld.gov.au/elis/) (<http://www.deir.qld.gov.au/elis/>)

Tenants

The regulations ensure people in domestic rental properties have the same protection from electric shock that homeowners have. The law now requires the installation of safety switches within three months of the sale of a domestic residence constructed prior to 1992.

If you do not believe a safety switch is installed at your rental property you can:

- talk to your landlord or rental agent
- call the Electrical Safety Info line on 1300 650 662

<http://www.justice.qld.gov.au/fair-and-safe-work/electrical-safety/for-householders-and-consumers/safety-switches/safety-switches-and-domestic-rental-properties>