

CONTRACTOR SAFETY ALERT **Electrical safety**

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The key to preventing potential risks that may cause harm is being aware of how your personal safety may be compromised, then taking simple steps to protect yourself at all times.

This safety alert has been issued to remind you of the precautions to take to reduce the risk of electrical shocks occurring on site. Electrical risks include death, burns or other injury/illness caused directly or indirectly by coming into contact with live electricity.

Here are a few tips to protect your personal safety when at a DHA site.

STOP

Before starting work conduct a pre-start up risk assessment of potential risks including:

- What are the environmental conditions – is it wet, is the work area appropriate to complete electrical work?
- A complete visual check of equipment and leads.

THINK

Do I have appropriate controls in place to complete the work safely such as:

- Are my tools insulated and otherwise appropriate for the task?
- Have I isolated, locked and tagged out the electrical circuits being worked on?
- Do I have an RCD in place for using portable equipment? Serious injuries and fatalities may be prevented by the use of properly installed and maintained RCDs.

DO

Observe electrical safety at all times:

- Proceed and complete work safely.
- Advise DHA if electrical work being completed may affect others.

Report any faults to DHA

Including any faulty looking equipment to the DHA property manager or DHA on 139 DHA (342).

Further information on electrical safety can be found here:

[Managing electrical risks in the workplace - Code of Practice January 2016](#)

