

Electrical Fire Safety

Electricity can cause fires - and many home and farm electrical fires are easily prevented.

Two-thirds of all electrical fires begin in plugs or cords on fixed appliances like refrigerators, air conditioners and lamps.

If you see smoke or fire, or smell a strange odour coming from wires, appliances or electric motors, switch them off and have them inspected by a registered electrician.

- Dust and rubbish build-up on farms can cause an electrical fire
- Unprotected light bulbs in sheds that are hit and broken are potential fire risks
- If an electrical appliance catches fire, turn it off or unplug it - if it's safe to do so
- **Never throw water on an electrical fire. You could be electrocuted**
- Some fire extinguishers are dangerous when used on electrical fires because they contain water. You should use a Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) extinguisher, which in Australia is red with a black band or label.

Remember - smoke alarms save lives

