



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Commerce**
Energy Safety

Having Electrical work done ?



Make sure you use a licensed electrical contractor whenever you have electrical work done.

Is your electrical contractor licensed?

Make sure you use a licensed electrical contractor whenever you have electrical work done.

In Western Australia, the law requires that all electrical work is carried out by a person who holds the relevant electrical licence. Unlicensed electrical work is prohibited due to the risks to public safety.

It is important that you check that the contractor and the person carrying out the work hold the necessary licences.

Safeguards to the community

By law, licensed electrical contractors must employ licensed electricians to carry out electrical work on their behalf. Only licensed electricians meet the required competency standards. These include appropriate competencies in work practices, equipment and installation.

To ensure the safety of the general public, an enforcement process exists to ensure that only those who are competent maintain their licences.

Only licensed electrical contractors are authorised to certify that the work completed by their electricians complies with all applicable regulations and standards.

How do you identify a licensed electrical contractor?

All licensed electrical contractors are required to display their respective licence numbers on all advertisements. This includes but is not limited to media advertisements, signs or stickers on their vehicles.

To check the validity of an electrical contractor's licence, please go to <https://bizline.commerce.wa.gov.au/energysafety>.

An electrical contractor's licence can be identified by the prefix 'EC' at the start of the licence number. An electrician's licence number will begin with 'EW'.

Alternatively, the Electrical Licensing Office can be contacted by telephone on 9422 5282.

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