

# Electrical

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## Health and safety alerts

Current Northern Territory and national Health and [Safety Alerts](#).

## Information bulletins

The following are the latest or reviewed Information Bulletins available for the electrical contacting industry:

<a href="#">ES02.01.01</a>	<a href="#">New Wiring Rules</a>
<a href="#">ES02.01.02</a>	<a href="#">Dispensation from the Wiring Rules</a>
<a href="#">ES03.01.01</a>	<a href="#">Connection of New Installations</a>
<a href="#">ES03.01.02</a>	<a href="#">Notices of Non Compliance</a>
<a href="#">ES03.01.03</a>	<a href="#">Switchboard Manufacture</a>
<a href="#">ES03.01.05</a>	<a href="#">Pond Aerator Installations for Aqua Farming</a>
<a href="#">05.01.04</a>	<a href="#">Certificates of Compliance</a>
<a href="#">ES03.01.09</a>	<a href="#">Electrical Installation Work on Mine Sites</a>
<a href="#">05.01.01</a>	<a href="#">Consumer Safety - Safe Use of Extension Cords</a>

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## Safe Work Australia

Safe Work Australia and the Safe Work Australia Council have been established as a replacement to the Australian Safety and Compensation Council (ASCC).

The fifteen member council was formed on Tuesday 31 March and comprises of an independent Chair, representatives from each State, Territory and the Australian Government. The council also includes two members who represent the interests of workers, two members who represent employers and a chief executive. Mr Tom Phillips was appointed Chair of the council on Wednesday 27 May 2009. Ms Laurene Hull, Executive Director of NT WorkSafe represents the Northern Territory on the council.

Safe Work Australia has been established as an executive agency to support the council and is an independent body. Further information on Safe Work Australia and the key functions of the council can be found on the Safe Work Australia [website](#).

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## National Licensing System

The Northern Territory has signed an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with other jurisdictions agreeing to begin the implementation process for the National Licensing System (NLS) which is scheduled to commence on 1 July 2012.

The agreement was signed at the Council of Australian Governments on 30 April 2009 in recognition that Australia's overlapping and inconsistent regulations regarding licensing, impeded productivity growth.

The initial occupational areas covered by the NLS are:

- refrigeration and air conditioning mechanics
- building and building related occupations
- electrical
- land transport (passenger vehicle drivers and dangerous goods only)
- maritime
- plumbing and gasfitting, and
- property agents.

Draft legislation is currently being developed and is expected to be released for public comment in late 2009.

More information can be found on the [NLS](#) website.

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## National Standards and Codes of Practice

AS/NZS 3000: 2007 Wiring Rules are now in effect in the Northern Territory. The standard was adopted on 12 May 2008 and all electrical contractors and workers are encouraged to obtain a copy of the standards for use.

The following standards have been recently updated; all electrical contractors and workers are encouraged to obtain a copy as there have been a significant number of changes to the standards.

- AS/NZS 3001:2008 Electrical installations - Transportable structures and vehicles including their site supplies
- AS/NZS 3002:2008 Electrical installations - Shows and carnivals
- AS/NZS 3004.1:2008 Electrical installations - Marinas and recreational boats – Marinas
- AS/NZS 3004.2:2008 Electrical installations - Marinas and recreational boats - Recreational boats installations

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## Changes to NT Workplace Health and Safety Legislation

The Northern Territory along with other jurisdictions is currently working with Safe Work Australia to harmonise occupation health and safety (OHS) legislation across Australia.

The Council of Australia Governments formally committed to the harmonisation of OHS legislation in July 2008, by signing an Intergovernmental Agreement for Regulatory and Operational Reform in OHS.

The agreement requires each state and territory to pass their own laws that mirror the model OHS laws and adopt them by December 2011.

The model OHS laws have been drafted and will soon be released in late September for public comment.

NT WorkSafe will hold a number of information sessions across the Territory to provide information on the changes to current OHS laws and the implementation. Information sessions will be held in the following regions.

### Alice Springs

Thursday 1 October – 12.30pm to 1.30pm – Crowne Plaza  
Wednesday 28 October – 5.30pm to 6.30pm – Diplomat Motel

### Darwin

Thursday 8 October – 3.30pm to 4.30pm – Holiday Inn Esplanade

### Katherine

Thursday 1 October – 1.00pm to 2.00pm – Knotts Crossing Resort  
Thursday 22 October – 5.30pm to 6.30pm – Knotts Crossing Resort

### Nhulunbuy

Tuesday 13 October – 12.30pm to 1.30pm – The Arnhem Club  
– 3.30pm to 4.30pm – The Arnhem Club  
– 5.30pm to 6.30pm – The Arnhem Club

### Tennant Creek

Thursday 8 October – 5.00pm to 6.00pm – Blue Stone Motor Inn

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## Regional visits

NT Worksafe Officers will continue the schedule of visits to regional and remote workplaces in the third quarter of 2009. The workplace visits include audit inspections and complaints investigations.

A schedule for regional and remote visits will be developed annually as part of priorities identified in the NT WorkSafe [2009-2012 Strategic Plan](#).

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## Electricity Safety Regulator 2008/09 activities snapshot

The following statistics provide a snap shot of the activities of the Electricity Safety Regulator for 2008-09.

- Number of Certificates of Compliances audits 213
- Number of complaints investigated 37
- Number of report of accidents involving electric shock 25\*

\* *Reporting of electric shocks is now mandatory under the Act since July 2008.*

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## Approved Health and Safety Representative (HSR) Training Providers

The following two Registered Training Organisations are now approved to provide HSR training to elected HSR's in the Northern Territory.

- Chamber of Commerce NT
- Electro Jobs Training P/L

HSR's are able to be included on the NT WorkSafe email list in order to receive updates on legislation and other information relevant to their role as a HSR and if they wish they can also join the HSR network to share their experiences.

For further information, please contact the HSR Advisor at NT WorkSafe on 1800 019 115 or [ntworksafe@nt.gov.au](mailto:ntworksafe@nt.gov.au)

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## Safe Work Australia Week

25 to 31 October 2009 is [Safe Work Australia](#) Week.

In 2008/09 there were over 3300 claims for workplace injuries and six work-related fatalities in the Northern Territory.

All Territorians, whether you're an employer or a worker, are encouraged to get involved and focus on health and safety in the workplace.

Workplace safety is everyone's business.

NT WorkSafe have created a Safe Work Australia Week navigation button on the Home Page of the website [www.worksafe.nt.gov.au](http://www.worksafe.nt.gov.au) to keep you informed of activities during the campaign.

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## Statistical data

A range of statistical data has been collated by Safe Work Australia and NT WorkSafe in order to identify poor performing industries and high risk activities to assist in developing targeted industry programs.

Data is also collected and reviewed by NT WorkSafe to improve programs that facilitate Territory workers being covered by equitable and practical workers compensation scheme allowing them to return to suitable work as soon as possible.

To access the data, follow the [Statistics](#) link on the NT WorkSafe website.

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