



Important notice to owners of dwellings and buildings  
constructed during the 1970s and early 80s

**Unenclosed joints in electrical cables in ceiling spaces – Rectification requirements**

**The Problem**

During the 1970s and early 80s, joints in electrical cables in ceiling spaces of dwellings and buildings were often only wrapped in insulating tape. The insulating tape dries out over time and may have fallen away, presenting an electric shock risk to persons entering the ceiling space.

**Fixing the Problem**

Where a dwelling/building is identified as containing accessible unenclosed joints, the owner must have remedial work carried out, using a licensed electrical contractor. The remedial action requires fitting appropriate plastic enclosures where joints are exposed.

If you are an owner/occupier of such a premises, it is likely that an electrical contractor carrying out work at the premises may have noticed this problem. *EnergySafety* has requested electrical contractors, in the interest of public safety, to point out to their customers where unenclosed joints exist. The electrical contractor will inform the network operator of the situation.

A copy of this letter, the advice to the electrical industry and other safety information is available on *EnergySafety*'s website at [www.energysafety.wa.gov.au](http://www.energysafety.wa.gov.au).

Thank you for your cooperation in making your electrical installation safe.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Bowron".

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