



Australian Government

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

Note for Householder:

On 10 February 2010, Environment Minister Peter Garrett announced that every home with foil insulation installed under the Australian Government's Home Insulation Program is eligible for an electrical safety inspection. If you have foil insulation installed under the program, you should receive a letter from the Department advising you of this.

This inspection must be carried out by a licensed electrical contractor. They will inspect the foil installation and determine whether it is safe.

If everything is safe, they will give you a copy of their assessment and then invoice the Department for the reasonable cost of the inspection, which is expected to be up to \$400 (GST inclusive).

If the licensed electrical contractor identifies an electrical fault that has occurred as a result of the installation of foil insulation products under the Home Insulation Program, then they will immediately remedy the fault. They will then give you a copy of their assessment and report on the faults identified and remedial action undertaken. They will invoice the Department for the cost of the inspection and reasonable costs associated with the remedial work.

Where a pre-existing electrical safety risk is identified that is NOT related to the installation of foil insulation under the Home Insulation Program, it is a matter for you and the licensed electrical contractor to discuss. You will need to pay for any remedial work undertaken. The Department will meet the reasonable costs of the inspection.

For more information visit the electrical safety page at www.environment.gov.au/energyefficiency or call 131 792.

