

Working Live

Policy Statement

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure Platinum Electricians maintains electrically safe work practices while performing electrical maintenance, service and project works at client-controlled workplaces and premises, protecting workers, clients, occupants and members of the public.

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Platinum Electricians is committed to eliminating or minimising electrical risks during all electrical works. Working on or near energised (live) electrical equipment is prohibited wherever electrical isolation is reasonably practicable.

- Live electrical work will only be permitted where all of the following conditions are met:
- Electrical isolation is not reasonably practicable due to operational, safety or system constraints;
- The work is necessary for testing, fault finding, commissioning or where de-energisation would introduce a greater risk;
- Prior authorisation has been obtained in accordance with Platinum Electricians management procedures;
- A task specific risk assessment and Safe Work Method Statement (SWMS) for live work has been completed, communicated and implemented; and
- Client approval and coordination requirements have been satisfied where applicable.

Electrical Isolation Requirements

Where electrical isolation is reasonably practicable, all work must be performed on de-energised equipment in accordance with the Isolation, Safety Tag and Lock Out Procedure, which includes:

- Identification of all sources of electrical energy under Platinum Electricians control;
- Isolation of the relevant electrical supply in coordination with the client or site controller;
- Verification of de-energisation using approved test instruments;
- Application of locks and tags where control of the isolation is held by Platinum Electricians; and
- Confirmation that re-energisation cannot occur without authorisation.

Standards and Safe Work Practices

All electrical work performed by Platinum Electricians must comply with:

- AS/NZS 4836 – Safe Working on or Near Low Voltage Electrical Installations;
- Applicable WHS legislation, regulations, and electrical safety requirements; and
- Client site safety rules, provided they do not reduce legislative or safety obligations.

Testing, fault-finding and commissioning on energised equipment is permitted only where allowed under AS/NZS 4836 and must be undertaken by licensed and competent electricians using appropriate controls, PPE, insulated tools, barriers and exclusion zones.

Responsibilities and Compliance

- All workers must comply with this policy, the Isolation, Safety Tag and Lock Out Procedure, and all associated WHS requirements.
- Any breach of this policy or failure to follow isolation or authorisation requirements is considered a serious safety breach and may result in disciplinary action.
- Workers have the right and obligation to stop work where electrical risks are not adequately controlled.

Platinum Electricians objective is to eliminate live electrical work wherever possible and ensure that, where it cannot be avoided, it is conducted under strict controls to prevent injury, incident or harm.



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