

# Electricity supply

Disconnection and abolishment

Creating a safer state  
with electricity and gas

# Starting demolition works before your electricity supply is removed is a serious safety hazard.

## Before you start any demolition activity make sure the electricity supply is permanently removed – this is known as abolishment of supply.

Always arrange and confirm a supply abolishment from your electricity company before starting demolishing works.

Arranging an abolishment is easy and is usually free. Visit your electricity company's website to book the service.

### Did you know?

- » The overhead supply cable and meter is owned by your electricity company.
- » The supply of electricity to both overhead and underground supply must be permanently removed (abolished) before any demolishing works begin.
- » It is an offence to alter, remove or touch the electrical supply cable and meter.
- » Damaged or dislodged supply cables can lead to a serious risk of injury, electric shock or death.
- » Some properties have more than one supply and meter. All supplies and meters must be permanently removed before demolition starts.
- » Accounts with retailers must be settled before an abolishment can begin.



### Important

**Owners, developers, builders, and demolition businesses all have a responsibility to ensure the electricity supply is safely abolished before building demolition starts.**

## Disconnection and abolishment

**Supply Disconnection** means switching off your power supply electrically. There is still a physical connection to the electricity network, so it is not safe to start demolition works.

**Supply Abolishment** means the permanent removal of the electricity meter supply cable by the electricity company.

## Steps to get an electrical supply abolished

1. Settle all bills with the existing electricity account.
2. Complete and submit the VESI Application for Abolishment of Electrical Supply Form available on the Victorian Electricity Distributors [website](#).
3. Inform the builder and/or demolition business/es an application for supply abolishment has been lodged with the power company or distribution business.
4. Ensure the property has unhindered access for the removal works to take place.
5. Visually confirm that electricity metering in the building has been physically removed.
6. Safely carry out building demolition.

## Underground supply

Underground supply must also be abolished. The distribution business may do this at the service pit, pillar or buried connection, and remove the meter. Your electrician can then test and remove the underground mains cable.

Use Dial Before You Dig ([1100.com.au](http://1100.com.au)) before any digging or excavation.

**Note:** The information in this brochure is of a general nature and applies to most common situations. Further or site-specific information is available from each distribution business.



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