

Selling electrical equipment in Victoria

Energy Safe Victoria

Fact sheet

Who we are

We are Victoria's safety regulator for electricity, gas and pipelines.

Our role is to ensure that Victorian gas and electricity industries are safe and meet community expectations. We are also responsible for licensing and registering electricians, and educating the community about energy safety. ESV also monitors and enforces the requirements for sale of safe electrical equipment.

More information is available on our website: esv.vic.gov.au

This fact sheet has important information for:

- Retailers and online sellers
- Australian manufacturers and importers
- Second-hand suppliers.

In-scope electrical equipment

We aim to increase consumer safety through regulating household electrical equipment. The term *in-scope* is defined in law and means electrical equipment that is:

- rated at (120V to 1500V) DC or (50V to 1000V) AC, and
- designed or marketed as suitable for household, personal or similar use.

Risk levels

In-scope electrical equipment is classified into three levels:

Level 3: Electrical equipment that is classified as high risk (items such as room heaters, kettles, or toasters)

For the full list of level 3 equipment refer to:

esv.vic.gov.au/technical-information/electrical-appliances-and-equipment/equipment-classes

Level 2: Electrical equipment that is classified as medium risk.

For the full list of level 2 equipment refer to:

esv.vic.gov.au/technical-information/electrical-appliances-and-equipment/equipment-classes

Level 1: Electrical equipment that is classified low risk or unknown risk, and any in-scope electrical equipment not classified as Level 2 or Level 3.

For retailers of electrical equipment

For all in-scope electrical equipment that you are supplying:

- Check that you have purchased it from a registered responsible supplier
 - Go to the Electrical Equipment Safety System website www.eess.gov.au and select the option **Search Responsible Suppliers**.
- Check that any Level 2 or Level 3 equipment has valid registration at the time of purchase
 - Go to Electrical Equipment Safety System website www.eess.gov.au and select the option **Search Registered Equipment**.
- Check that the equipment is marked with the Regulatory Compliance Mark (RCM) symbol

RCM symbol



If you have imported or manufactured electrical equipment, refer to the requirements for manufacturers and importers at:

www.eess.gov.au/responsible-supplier/manufacturers-and-importers-responsible-suppliers

For requirements relating to the sale of second-hand equipment, please refer to:

esv.vic.gov.au/technical-information/electrical-appliances-and-equipment/second-hand-equipment

Penalties

Penalties are associated with the breaches outlined in the *Electricity Safety Act 1998*.

Penalties can range from 60 penalty units in the case of breaches by an individual, and 240 penalty units in the case of breaches by an organisation. The penalty unit value varies as it is adjusted annually by the Victorian Government.

As of 1 July 2021, one penalty unit = \$181.74.

Further information

If you require further information, please contact the Electrical Equipment Safety team on telephone (03) 9203 9700 – select Option 5, or by email: electricalequipmentsafetyenquiries@energysafe.vic.gov.au

A copy of the *Electricity Safety Act 1998* is available from:

www.legislation.vic.gov.au/in-force/acts/electricity-safety-act-1998/081

Thank you for playing your part in creating a safer state with electricity.