

Christmas lights safety checklist

for a safe and enjoyable Christmas

- 1 Check for an Australian approval number when purchasing lights such as Q12345, V01294, or N12345. Most times this is on the transformer.
- 2 Visit www.productsafety.gov.au to check for any recalled Christmas lights—even the best retailers issue these from time to time.
- 3 Ensure you have safety switches installed, and check they work by pushing the test button and seeing the lights go out.
- 4 Only use lights designed for external use.
- 5 Use extra low voltage lights—look for lights with a transformer.
- 6 Ensure your outdoor connections are weatherproof, and secured out of reach of children.
- 7 Do not piggyback double adapters or power boards.
- 8 Always keep clear of powerlines, swimming pools, driveways, and walkways.
- 9 Do not run 240-volt cabling to outside garden beds and lighting.
- 10 Always turn off outdoor lights during rain or storms.
- 11 Go with solar lights if you can—it's better for the environment, and safer for you.
- 12 Consider getting an electrical safety check to test smoke alarms, safety switches, and all your lights and fittings to ensure your family isn't just safe for Christmas, but for 2025.

If you cannot tick all of the above, call a Master Electrician today.
Keep your loved ones safe this Christmas.