

This fact sheet has been created to highlight the dangers of the use of extension leads with a male plug fitted to both ends commonly called a suicide lead, to connect a generator to a house.

Danger of Suicide Leads

Suicide leads are illegally made power leads that are used to connect generators to the wiring of a house. These dangerous leads have exposed parts at both ends which will cause electric shock to anyone touching them. They can also feed power into the network, which is extremely dangerous for people working on street powerlines or your neighbours houses which they believe are not live.



Changeover Switch and Generator Inlet

The only way to safely use a generator to power your house wiring is to use a changeover switch. A changeover switch, safely supplies power from a generator to the wiring that is installed in the house. Don't turn on the changeover switch if your property has been damaged.

An plug in generator should only be connected to a dedicated generator inlet socket, if you don't have one, you can not connect a generator safely to your house until you have an electrical contractor install one

