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Stay Safe This Summer: Electrical Safety Tips for Queenslanders

As temperatures rise, many Queenslanders turn to electric fans to beat the summer heat. However, it's essential to prioritize safety, especially when using fans around young children. **It is important to follow safety guidelines.**

Buying New or Used Fans:

- Ensure all fans, new or second-hand, come with clear safety instructions.
- If purchasing a used fan from a garage sale, market, or private seller, check for a tag confirming it has been tested for electrical safety. If no safety checks have been conducted, this must be clearly communicated by the seller.

Installing Ceiling Fans:

- Ceiling fans should only be installed by licensed electrical professionals.

General Fan Usage:

- Opt for new fans with adequate protective guards and avoid using very old fans without guards.
- Use fans indoors unless specifically designed for outdoor use.
- Keep children's hands, fingers, toes, and hair away from moving parts and blades.

Maintenance and Cleaning:

- Remove dust buildup on blades with a damp cloth, brush, or vacuum attachment. Avoid immersing fans in water.
- Unplug fans before cleaning or maintenance. Never attempt to disassemble fans or tamper with electrical wiring.
- Ensure ventilation outlets remain unblocked.

Extra Protection:

- Use fans on circuits fitted with a safety switch for added peace of mind.



Power Tool Safety for DIY Projects

With holiday renovations and new power tools on many to-do lists, it is important to be reminded to observe the following safety measures:

- Purchase power tools that meet Australian standards, indicated by an approval number.
- Use a portable safety switch or have one installed in the switchboard.
- Avoid coiling long extension cords during use and keep cords clear of work areas.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for tool use and maintenance.
- Never attempt to repair or replace cords or plugs—leave this to a licensed electrician.
- Always wear appropriate safety gear, including protective footwear.

By following these guidelines, Queenslanders can enjoy a safe and stress-free summer. For **more information** on electrical safety, please visit [Electrical Safety](#) website.

