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Tips to help you complete your Safety Self-Assessment

The Safety Self Assessment is a form provided by the Office of the Technical Regulator and is required to be completed prior to having your home insulated, so that you and your installers are aware of items in your roof space that might pose a risk.

We submit this form as part of the installation process and for the form to be accepted it must be correctly completed. To assist you in completing the form please read the following.

All questions should be answered to the best of your knowledge, if you are unsure please just tick the answer that you think is correct, our installers will check these and correct any inaccuracies when we are on site to do your insulation.

- The top right-hand box must have your name, address and signature
– typed signatures are unfortunately not admissible.
- All questions must be answered with a tick or cross in the yes or no box
– question marks or written explanations (ie not sure) are not admissible.
- If your home was built before the year 2000 and has not had a full rewire,
– the answer to the first question "Does your roof space have electrical wiring that was installed prior to 1999" is most likely **Yes**
- If you have downlights and you are unsure of what type they are, use the pictures on page three, after the form to help you identify the type of downlight they might be.

We are here to help so if you are unsure of any of your answers, please give our office a call on 8490 8747 and we will be happy to help you complete the form

Installation of ceiling insulation

Consumer safety self-assessment and installer acknowledgement form

Part A: Consumer safety self-assessment

Address: _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Insulation and safety

The installation of insulation in your home, when performed in accordance with approved industry guidelines, will reduce your heating and cooling costs as well as carbon emissions.

However, incorrectly installed insulation may cause electrical and gas components to overheat and cause a fire. Also, poorly laid insulation may be ineffective in achieving the promised energy savings.

If you have any concerns about insulation installed in your home, it is your responsibility to be certain that your insulation has not created a fire hazard.

Consumer safety self-assessment

Before an insulation installer begins work on your home, do your own quick self-assessment to determine if your roof space contains objects that may already be generating heat.

Questions to ask yourself – tick yes or no	Yes	No
Does your roof space have electrical wiring that was installed prior to 1999 that would be covered by insulation?		
Does your roof space have electrical transformers or other devices (such as TV boosters, security alarms, electric water heater)?		
Does your ceiling have halogen 12 volt down lights?		
Does your ceiling have LED down lights?		
Does your ceiling have incandescent 240V down lights?		
Does your home have a flue from a gas heater or wood combustion heater that penetrates the roof space?		
Does your home have a chimney from a fire that penetrates the roof space?		
Does your roof space have a gas water heater or gas space heater?		
Does your home have high intensity heating lamps in the bathroom?		
Does your home have an exhaust fan from the kitchen or bathroom that vents into the roof space?		

If you answered yes

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then there is the potential for an excessive build-up of heat should insulation be installed in contact with or covering any of the items mentioned above. It is therefore important that the person who is installing the insulation be aware of the minimum air gap or other measures that are required to ensure heat can be dissipated to the air.

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Concerns for safety

If you have any concerns about the safety or standard of your insulation installation it is recommended that it is checked by a licensed electrician at your own cost or by negotiation with your insulation installer.

Choosing a licensed installer

In SA, persons carrying on the business of insulation installation must hold a licence under the *Building Work Contractors Act 1995*. Ask to see their Builders Licence number as proof of their experience and qualifications to be able to perform the job properly.




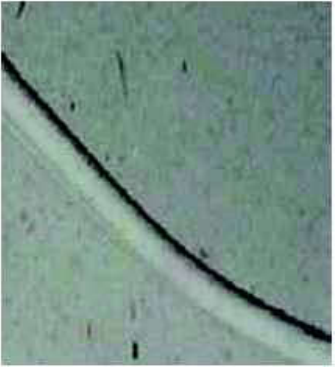



Do not deal with installers who cannot quote their licence number. Insulation installers who do not hold a licence run the risk of being prosecuted if they contract for work in this state.

To find out if a person or business is licensed by Consumer and Business Services (CBS) visit the licensing public register online at <https://secure.cbs.sa.gov.au/OccLicPubReg/LicenceSearch.php>.

If you remain concerned about your insulation, and your installer is unable to resolve your complaint or is unlicensed, please contact CBS on 131 882 for further advice.

Further guidance on installation of insulation can be found in AS3999, AS3000 and the Building Code of Australia.

Samples of hazards that could be found in older homes:

<p>Lead Sheathed Cables</p> 	<p>Tough Rubber Sheathed Cables (TRS Cables)</p> 
<p>Split Steel Conduit</p> 	<p>Thermoplastic Insulated and Sheathed (TPS) Cables</p> 
<p>Unenclosed Joints</p> 	<p>Vermin Damaged Wiring</p> 
<p>Bathroom Heating Lamps</p>  <p>Incandescent 240V down lights</p> 	<p>Halogen down lights</p>  <p>to be replaced with IC-4 rated LED integrated downlights</p> <p>i.e. yess.net.au/ic-rating-of-downlights/</p> 