3 | CHECK YOUR TEST EQUIPMENT

📅 THIS APRIL FOOLS DAY...

CHECK YOUR TEST EQUIPMENT AND YOUR SMOKE ALARMS!

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) encourages the community to inspect their smoke alarms on April Fool's Day every year to ensure they are functioning correctly and will be able to provide the critical early warning needed during a house fire.

As a result of this successful initiative, 1 April has become a recognisable date for checking smoke alarms.

CHECK YOUR TEST EQUIPMENT

ECA WA suggests that electricians adopt additional April Fool's Day obligations and extend this initiative to **testing their personal test devices, such as multimeters, volt sticks and other test equipment.**

These devices are there to keep us and others safe, but they must be working correctly and be fully charged to achieve this goal. Avoid being caught out on the job by a flat battery or faulty device – these are the situations that can lead to bad decisions with dire consequences if they can't be remedied quickly.

Avoid putting yourself in a situation where you are tempted to take a shortcut and make sure that your test devices are always ready to do what they were designed to do – protect your safety in the workplace, and the safety of those around you.

SPREAD THE WORD 📢

So, from this year, let's make 1 April the day for checking your test equipment as well as your smoke alarms.

CHECK YOUR SMOKE ALARMS

Building and Energy supports this reminder which urges residents to push the test button on their smoke alarms, change units with a 9-volt battery and check they are not more than 10 years old. The alarm's sensitivity and functions can decline after this time, which could be disastrous in a fire emergency when every second counts.

The 10-year rule applies to all smoke alarms, including hard-wired models connected to mains power.

Sharing Site STRATEGIES