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Residual Current Devices (RCD) for In-Home Support

What is an RCD?

- RCDs are electrical safety devices designed to immediately switch off the supply of electricity when electricity leaking to earth is detected at harmful levels.
- They offer high levels of personal protection from electric shock.
- They can save a life!



What is an RCD used for?

- An RCD is used when LWB staff member conducts work at a client's home that is not managed by LWB.
- The staff member must use an RCD when using any portable electrical items in the client's home.

How do I get an RCD?

- **Tested and tagged RCD's can be sourced directly from the LWB supplier Cos.**
- Each RCD has a sticker identifying the month and year the test & tagging expires. The RCD can only be used up to the Month and Year stated on the tag.
- If an RCD is damaged it must be returned to the centralised location and a new RCD will be supplied.



This example can be used up until May 2024

What do Managers need to do?

- Notify staff that they must use an RCD when doing work that requires plugging into the electrical power supply of a client's own home.
- Ensure staff have access to RCD's in a centralised location (or arrange for delivery to remote locations).
- Maintain an [RCD register](#) for their region.

What do Staff need to do?

- Understand the requirements for using RCD's when doing work that requires plugging into the electrical power supply at a client's own home.
- Pick-up an RCD from the centralised location (or request delivery).
- Return any damaged RCD's immediately and replace damaged or out of date RCD's.
- Notify their manager immediately of any electrical issues, such as electric shock.
- Lodge an iReport report (after notifying their manager)
- The property team shall provide a tested and tagged portable RCD for use at a client's home, these will be available for staff in a centralised location.

Where do I go for more info?

- For technical issues relating to RCD's or electrical safety, reach out to your local Safety and Wellbeing Advisor.
- For Operational issues, contact your Manager.
- For further information read the [Electrical Safety Procedure](#) or [Electrical Safety Toolbox Talk](#).

A short video has been created to communicate the requirements for RCDs in in-house and can be found [here](#).