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Don't salvage a shock: get appliances cleared of electrical faults

North Queenslanders conducting salvage efforts in the wake of Cyclone Charlotte need to ensure their appliances are cleared of any electrical faults to avoid any further loss or damage.

A wet toaster or a damp hair-dryer can give an electric shock or spark a fire so make sure all electrical appliances are declared 100 percent safe before they are plugged back in.

Master Electricians chief executive officer Malcolm Richards said these kinds of checks should be routine during cyclone and flood clean-ups.

"After an event like Charlotte, it is important to secure your home once again, and that means keeping it free of electrical dangers.

"A Master Electrician or an ECA licensed electrician will be able to accurately assess any electrical risks in your home, including testing household appliances for electrical faults or water damage," Mr Richards said.

As the last days of summer bring with them more wild weather, it is important to secure our homes in any way we can, including taking extra precautions around electrical safety.

Mr Richards said we can prepare our homes to survive storm season and to avoid electrical dangers.

"Have a Master Electrician test your safety switch, and if you don't have one, your Master Electrician can install one for you.

"A safety switch is the best way to protect your family against electrical dangers," Mr Richards said.

Master Electricians are all experienced electrical contractors who complete a stringent, annual safety and quality audit, adhere to a code of practice, and offer customers a 12-month guarantee on their work.

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