

# General Troubleshooting Manual for Tenants

The purpose of this manual is to provide tenants with a quick reference guide to assist with troubleshooting any issues that may arise during the tenancy. Furthermore, this information should assist in determining if a tradesperson is necessary to attend to the issue immediately or not.

We are committed to offering the highest level of Customer Service and in doing so, we feel its important to educate and provide guidance to ensure a smooth tenancy for all involved.



## General:

What Isolation points look like, and how to operate. (Water, Gas & Electricity)

If there is a risk to property, person or an animal's safety then isolation of the affected service is the first port of call.

Following is the typical process to isolate each service as needed.

# Water Meter:



### Locations:

- House In the front yard/garden bed just in from the property boundary.
- Unit Common meter is located in the front yard/garden bed just in from the property boundary each unit should have its own meter or isolation valve on the external wall of each unit. In some cases, there is no separate isolation for each unit. Your water supplier can confirm this if you are unsure.
- Apartment Common meter is generally located in the cupboard foyer of the main entrance. Individual meters are generally located in a service cupboard on each floor or below ground car parks.



#### Isolation:



- Isolate a stop tap, the handles need to be turned in a clockwise direction until the handle stops.
- To isolate a ball valve, the handle needs to be turned in a clockwise direction so the arm is right angle to the meter.





### Gas Meter:



Locations:

- House Generally located on the front corner of the house on the opposite side to the driveway.
- Unit Generally located on the front corner of the building on the opposite side of the driveway.
- Apartment Generally located in the common car parking area of the building either in service cupboard or a caged compound.

Isolation:



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# Electricity Meter:



Locations:

- House Generally located on the front exterior of the house in the meter panel or inside, just in the front door. Some older houses may have them in the cupboards.
- Unit Sometimes outside per a house but generally located just inside the front door. Sometimes these are hidden within the unit on a wall or in a cupboard.
- Apartment Sometimes located just inside the front door. Sometimes these are within the apartment on a wall or in a cupboard/wardrobe.



### Isolation:

On a switchboard in all cases there should be a switch, (or switches) labelled "Main Switch" and in some cases "Main Isolator".

This is typically located on the LEFT side as per image below.



The same applies on an older switchboard as below.

This can also be in the form of a black switch or switches.

There may be a Main Switch for the lights and power as well as a separate one for the hot water unit.

Both need to be switched off to isolate power to this property.





# Common Faults & Easy Fixes - Plumbing:

Fault	Possible Tenant fix
Gas Hot Water Unit Not Working	Re-light pilot light by following the correct lighting instructions printed on the unit.
Electric Hot Water Unit Not Working	Ensure main power switch and hot water circuit breaker/fuse are in the on position.
Blocked Waste Pipe	Attempt to clear with a plunger. Chemical drain cleaner eg. Draino is not recommended as this may react with the stronger chemicals that a plumber may need to use if they attend.



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Fault	Possible Tenant fix
Leaking Trap Or Waste Pipe Under The Sink	Ensure nuts on the fixture trap are tight, as these can come loose or leak if knocked.
Beeping Coming From Hot Water Unit	If a Mildred (pictured left) is installed, replace 4 x AAA batteries which are located on the top of this safety valve.
Cook Top Won't Light/Faulty Burners	Ensure all burner parts are seated correctly and are clean/free of grime and grease build up. Try lighting with a manual source as often auto ignition can stop working.



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Fault	Possible Tenant fix
Leaking Roof	Place bucket under the affected area and empty as needed until its safe for a roof plumber to attend. If running near any electrical equipment, switch off the mains at the switchboard. The leak is most likely caused by a blocked gutter, overflowing downpipe or cracked roof tile. A roof plumber will attend when its safe to do so.
Burst Water Pipe.	Turn off the water at the mains until a plumber can attend.
Gas Leak	Turn off the gas at the mains until a plumber can attend. Open all doors/windows to ventilate until smell dissipates.



Common Faults & Easy Fixes - Electrical:

Fault	Possible Tenant fix
There is no power in the dwelling.	Step 1: Find the switchboard and make sure all switches are on. Step 2: Call your supplier or look online to check if there is an outage. Step 3: Have you paid your bill?
Electric Hot Water Unit Not Working	Ensure main power switch and hot water circuit breaker are on.
Safety Switch keeps tripping	Disconnect all appliances, then try and turn on. If the safety switch remains on, then its likely one of your appliances is faulty. This will be a process of elimination to work out which one it is what were you using at the time? Eg. Kettle cooktop etc. You can then try plugging one in at a time until the switchboard trips again to work out which one it is.



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Fault	Possible Tenant fix
Range hood, Cooktop or Dishwasher etc is not working	Check all switches are on at the switchboard. Check for switches near the appliance, above the benchtop, in a cupboard, or for any power points with an extra switch in the middle. Also check for a power lead that is unplugged from a power point.
Electric Oven Is Not Working	Check all switches are on at the switchboard. If set on auto, the oven will only work with a timer. Set dial or electronic display to manual. The symbol is usually a hand. Set the clock. Google the manual online and troubleshoot.
Light globes/bulbs keep blowing	It's the Tenants responsibility to replace all globes during the tenancy with high quality ones such as Phillips, Osram, Sylvania etc. High quality globes resist failure with power supply issues the best.