

## ELECTRICAL CERTIFICATES AND THE HOMEOWNER

The onus rests on you, as homeowner, to ensure that the electricity in your house **does not pose a threat** to you, your family, any other person or animal, or the property. This also places the responsibility on you to prevent any hazardous situation that may trigger an electrical incident.

The Electrical Certificate has no expiry date but if **any additions, modifications or alterations are carried out to your installation you will require an additional certificate for such work or, if necessary, a new certificate for the entire installation.** Failure to acquire such additional certificate will mean that the entire installation is not certified and may render the original certificate invalid. Should an incident occur, all involved parties will be investigated and the **homeowner could attract liability** if the installation is not safe or is not being correctly used. It could also **invalidate the insurance on the property.**

As homeowner, you can take the following precautions to ensure the electrician is permitted to perform the required work.

- Request his registration card issued by the ECB (Electr. Contracting Board of South Africa). A date stamp will indicate whether the Contractor is currently registered.
- To ensure the person is qualified to do the electrical work and authorised to issue a Certificate, request his accreditation certificate issued by the Dep. of Labour. This will show the accredited person's name, ID number and photograph. The work itself may be carried out by the contractor's competent employees.