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Promoting Electrical Safety in the Goldfields

Kidsafe WA in partnership with Horizon Power and the Department of Health WA will be visiting the Goldfields region in late May to provide safety information. During these visits we will be conducting workshops with children, parents and health professionals to promote a range of safety messages, and promote vigilance around electricity.

As part of this regional trip Kidsafe WA, supported by Horizon Power will be visiting Esperance, Leonora and Kalgoorlie from the 28th to 31st May. As electricity is an everyday product in our lives, sometimes we can get complacent when it comes to safety and therefore it is important to share these safety messages.

Kidsafe WA Chief Executive Officer, Scott Phillips said Kidsafe WA regularly travelled throughout the regions of WA to provide safety workshops and programs to raise awareness of child injury prevention.

“Our partnership with Horizon Power has allowed us to expand our reach to prevent electrical injuries to children throughout regional WA,” Scott said.

Kidsafe WA as an organisation dedicated to promoting safety and preventing childhood injuries in WA has teamed up with Horizon Power, to promote electrical safety messages throughout communities in the Kimberley, Pilbara, Mid-West and Goldfields.

Horizon Power’s Esperance and Goldfields Retail and Community Manager Donna Gibson said it was extremely important for everyone to know about how to stay safe around electricity.

“The safety of our customers and employees is paramount,” Donna said. “We value our partnership with Kidsafe WA in helping to deliver these important safety messages to our regional schools.”

Over the last five years there has been more than 50 presentations to the Perth Children’s Hospital Emergency Department for electrical injuries to children, many of which could have been prevented. Common causes of electrical injury include damaged or worn electrical cords, objects being inserted into power points, faulty appliances or light switches, and contact between electrical appliances and water.

For more information on how to keep your children safe around electricity visit:
www.horizonpower.com.au/our-commitments/overview/safety OR www.kidsafewa.com.au/fact-sheets-at-home to see Kidsafe WA’s Electrical Safety Fact Sheet

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