

Social Stories

These social stories are designed to inform students about electricity safety situations and complements the **K-6 lesson booklet**.

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Electricity Safety Social Stories

The purpose of this resource is to support teachers in helping students with Autism Spectrum Disorder understand key electricity safety behaviours. They are generalised statements, not individualised for students depending on context, issue or skill.



Australian Government funded and expert reviewed online resource, raisingchildren.net.au state:

Social stories were developed to **help autistic children learn about social situations** in a way that makes sense to them. Social stories do this by explicitly pointing out:

- details about the setting
- things that typically happen in that setting
- the actions or behaviour that are typically expected from children in the setting.

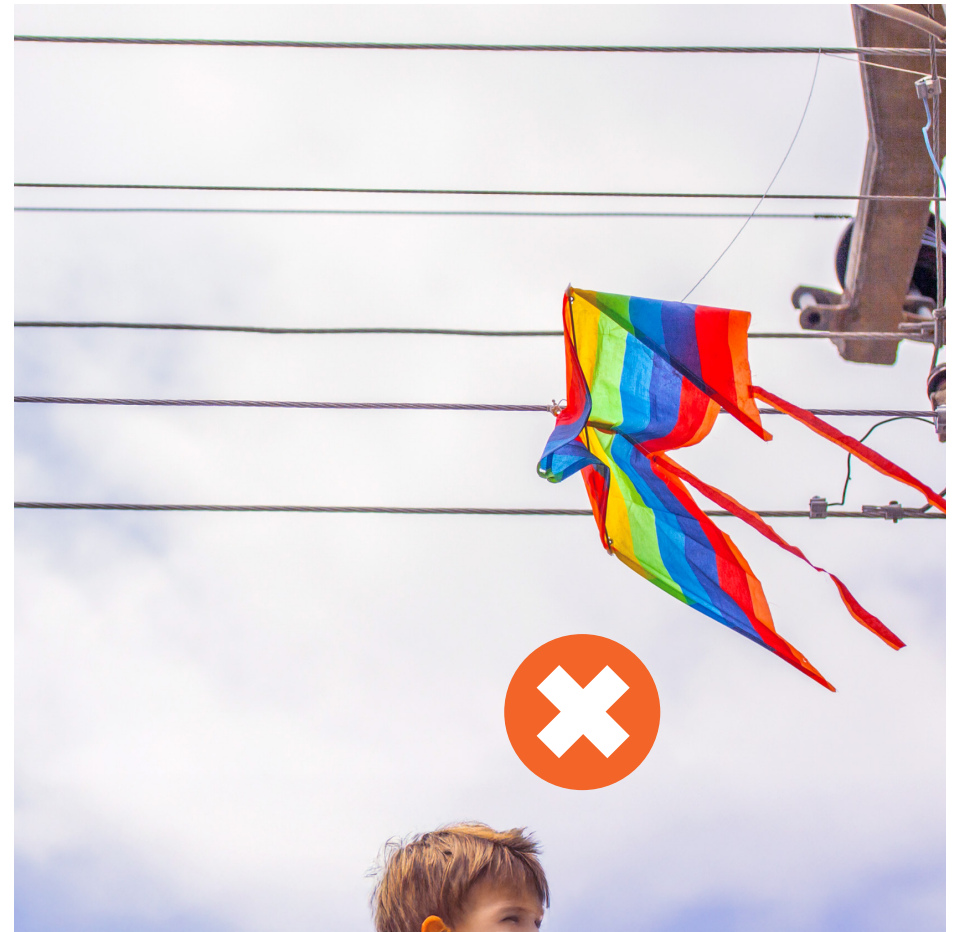
This can help children pick up on cues they might not otherwise notice and learn how to respond to these cues. It might also help children learn new skills or manage anxiety or worries about social situations.

Research shows that **social stories can have positive effects on the behaviour of autistic children**. Research also suggests that they might be more effective at helping children change their behaviour than helping them learn particular social skills.

For social stories to work, it's important that the stories are customised to children's individual needs and used at the right time for individual children.



I only fly my kite in an open area.



I keep away from overhead powerlines.

I keep myself safe.



I keep away from fallen powerlines and tell an adult.

I keep myself safe.

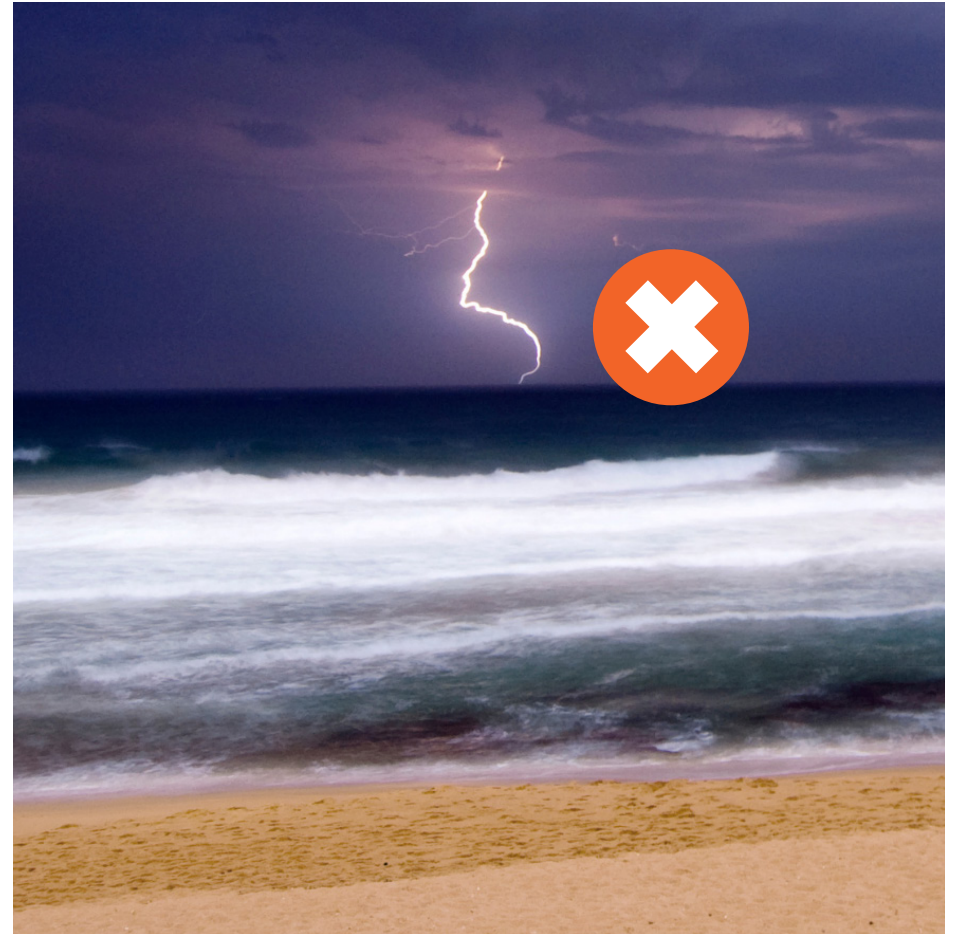


I only put bread in a toaster.



It is dangerous to put knives and other metal objects in a toaster.

I keep myself safe.



I stop swimming and get out of the water when there is a storm.

I keep myself safe.



I only use electrical appliances with **undamaged** power cords.

I keep myself safe.



I only play where it is safe.



I keep away from electrical equipment and powerlines.

I keep myself safe.



I only use electrical appliances when I am away from water.

I keep myself safe.

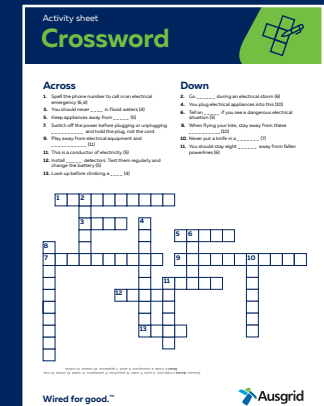
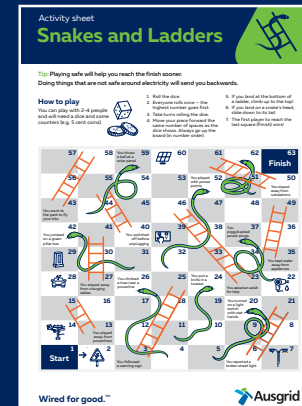
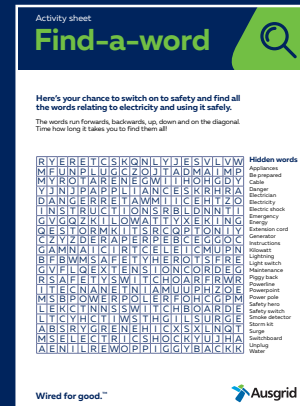
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The hands-on program is part of our commitment to improving awareness of electrical safety and is supported by the NSW Department of Education, aligning with K-6 Science, Technology and PDHPE syllabuses.

We have additional resources for teachers and parents to use both in the classroom and at home, helping educate on electricity safety in an interactive and engaging way

To learn more visit
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