



## **EXIT AND EMERGENCY LIGHTING**

Exit and emergency lighting is an effective tool to ensure the safety of staff and visitors at your workplace and lead them to safety when the normal lighting has failed due to power loss. Each exit and emergency light must light up after a power failure and stay lit for a minimum 90 minutes. First responders such as fire or police may also utilize emergency exits to enter a building during a disaster or crisis.

All places of work, retail, commercial, warehousing, schools, i.e., non-domestic buildings, have a legal requirement to be safe at all times. All exit and emergency lights must be tested and results recorded as per the Australian Standard AS/NZS 2293.2, 6 monthly, 12 monthly and 10 yearly to ensure all exit and emergency lights operate correctly.

Emergency and exit lighting are an essential life safety device and the non-compliance with regulations regarding its correct installation and maintenance jeopardises the safety of building occupants. Failure to comply with the Australian Standard AS/NZS 2293 and the WH&S legislation (OH&S in Victoria and WA) will be considered a breach and an unlawful offence and carries a maximum penalty of \$3 million for a corporation and a large financial penalty and up to 5 years imprisonment for individuals.