

**2.9.2.3 Location of main switchboard**

- A1 | (a) *General* The main switchboard shall be readily accessible. The main switchboard, or a panel for the remote control of main switches in accordance with Clause 2.3.3.5, shall be located within easy access of an entrance to the building.
- (b) *Multiple electrical installations* In multiple electrical installations the main switchboard shall not be located within any tenancy or single electrical installation of a multiple premise, either domestic or non-domestic.

**2.9.2.4 Identification of main switchboard**

The main switchboard shall be legibly and permanently marked 'MAIN SWITCHBOARD'.

Where a main switchboard is located within a room or enclosure, any door required for immediate personal access shall be prominently and permanently marked to identify the room or enclosure in which the main switchboard is located.

The location of the main switchboard shall be legibly and permanently indicated by a conspicuous notice at each entry to the building that may be used by emergency services personnel.

Notices indicating the location of the main switchboard shall be of permanent construction and shall incorporate the term 'MAIN SWITCHBOARD' in contrasting colours.

*Exceptions:*

- 1 *Identification of the main switchboard and its room or enclosure need not apply in a single domestic electrical installation.*
- 2 *The location of the main switchboard need not be marked at an entry to a building where the location is clearly indicated at a Fire Indicator Panel.*
- 3 *The location of the main switchboard need not be marked where the location can be readily determined, e.g. where it is clearly visible from the main entrance to the electrical installation.*

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NOTE: In New Zealand, any notice indicating the location of the main switchboard shall comply with the NZBC.

**NZ****2.9.2.5 Restricted locations**

Restricted locations for switchboards are as follows:

- (a) *Height above ground, floor or platform* A switchboard shall not be located within 1.2 m of the ground, floor or platform.

*Exception: A switchboard may be located within 1.2m of the ground, floor or platform if access to live parts is arranged, in accordance with the requirements of Clause 2.9.3.1.*