

How to disconnect the power to a secondary distribution box



AI Overview

To safely disconnect a secondary distribution box, first identify and operate the main service disconnect or upstream breaker feeding the panel, ensuring all power sources are de-energized before servicing.

Steps to Safely Disconnect

1. Identify the Power Source: Determine whether the secondary distribution box is fed from a primary distribution system via a transformer or from another panel. Trace the feeder lines to locate the main breaker or disconnect supplying the secondary box .
2. Locate the Main Disconnect: Per NEC Article 230, the main service disconnect should be in a readily accessible location near the point of entrance of the service conductors . For secondary distribution boxes, this may be a breaker or fused disconnect upstream in the primary panel or transformer secondary.
3. De-energize All Sources: If the panel is supplied by multiple sources (e.g., normal utility and generator), ensure all breakers or disconnects feeding the panel are turned off . This prevents accidental energization while working on the panel.
4. Verify Power is Off: Use a properly rated voltage tester or multimeter to confirm that the secondary distribution box is fully de-energized before touching any internal components . Never assume a breaker is off without testing.
5. Lockout/Tagout (LOTO): Apply lockout/tagout procedures to prevent accidental re-energization while maintenance is performed. This is critical for safety and compliance with electrical safety standards.
6. Service the Panel: Once verified de-energized, you can safely perform maintenance, inspection, or modifications inside the secondary distribution box....

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The Main Electrical Panel & Subpanels

The electrical meter is mounted at the main electrical panel. From here, power is distributed to subpanels and circuits

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Place a padlock through the switch where possible, to lock it in the off position. Take the key away with you. Place a

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Distribution board

A distribution board (also known as panelboard, circuit breaker panel, breaker panel, circuit breaker, electric panel, fuse box or DB

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