



5 Things to Wire For Before You Close the Walls

A quick pre-wire checklist from SkyAV — because retrofitting cable after handover costs everyone more.

Once the plaster's up, running new cable means cutting into finished walls, exposed conduit, or relying on WiFi to do a wired job's work. A 10-minute conversation before lock-up stage can save your client thousands in retrofit costs — and save you the callback when they ask why their smart TV keeps buffering.

1 Data cabling (Cat6A) to key rooms

Living areas, home offices, and main bedrooms all benefit from a hardwired data point — it future-proofs against dead WiFi zones, supports mesh access points properly, and gives tenants/owners a wired option for work-from-home setups.

2 TV & home theatre points

Power, HDMI/coax, and Cat6 run to exactly where the TV will be mounted — so there's never a visible cord hanging down a freshly painted wall, and the room is ready for a full home theatre setup later without opening anything up.

3 Speaker cable for surround sound & multi-room audio

Even if audio isn't installed at handover, running speaker cable or empty conduit during the build means it can be added anytime after — without cutting into a finished ceiling or wall.

4 Security camera & video doorbell cabling

Power and data run to camera positions and the front entry avoids the common problems with battery cameras — flat batteries, weak WiFi at the letterbox, and laggy footage when it matters most.

5 A dedicated comms/hub cupboard

One central point — ideally near the switchboard and NBN entry — where all these cable runs converge, with power outlets and ventilation. This is what makes everything above actually usable, rather than a bundle of cables with nowhere to go.

Building or renovating? Let's talk before lock-up.

SkyAV offers a free pre-wire consultation for builders, electricians and clients planning a new build or major reno in Diggers Rest, Sunbury, Melton, Caroline Springs, Gisborne and surrounding suburbs. One phone call at framing stage is all it takes to avoid a retrofit later.

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