



# Electrical Safety A guide for tenants

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## Electricity

Please report any problems with the electrical installation of your home to us immediately. Electricity can be very dangerous and must be treated with respect.

### What we are doing to keep you safe?

It is a legal requirement to have an electrical test every five years in a rented home. This is called an Electrical Installation Condition Report or 'EICR' for short.

### What is involved in the EICR electrical safety test?

During an EICR inspection, a qualified electrician will inspect the electrical installations in your home. The qualified electrician will carry out a visual inspection, checking for cracks, breaks and signs of overheating. If issues are found, they will be recorded and detailed in the report.



### WHAT CAN I DO TO MINIMISE RISK?

#### Dos!

Use an RCD (Residual Current Device) when using electrical equipment outside i.e. hedge trimmers, lawnmowers, power tools.

Allow electrical inspections to take place. Regular checks are the best way to be sure that electrical installations are safe

#### Don't!

Don't do it yourself! Do not carry out DIY repairs on electrical installations or appliances.

Don't overload sockets, do not attempt to plug too many devices into one socket, and over using extension leads.

Do not bring mains powered portable devices into the bathroom, use any electrical appliance with wet hands.

### APPLIANCES

Always turn off plug sockets when you aren't using them.

Do not overload plug sockets.

Inspect appliances for frayed cords and sockets for scorch marks. If your appliances show signs of these, they will

need repairing or replacing. If you need to clean an appliance, always make sure the appliance is unplugged and the power cable and plug are kept out of water.



Extension leads, cables and connections: check the condition of extension leads, use them correctly - you could get an electric shock.

Make sure they are:

- Rated correctly to suit the equipment connected.
- Properly plugged in,
- Uncoiled to prevent overheating.
- Kept clean and free from damage.
- Replaced if damage is found.

Further information can be found at [www.electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk](http://www.electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk)