

Information For Tenants

Poor installation work endangers lives

We know the safety of you and your household is your top priority. Sub-standard work not only risks the integrity of your property, it also puts lives in danger.

Your safety is our priority

The house you rent should be safe when you move in and maintained in a safe condition throughout the tenancy.

Whilst all properties need repairs from time to time, it is important to be aware of your Landlord's responsibilities as well as your own.

As a tenant, you are responsible for the repair or replacement of anything you have broken or damaged.

Your landlord must ensure all electrical systems (e.g. sockets, fittings and consumer units) within the property you rent are safe and that they comply with building regulations. This is required by law.

In England, Scotland and Wales, if renting in the private sector your landlord is legally required to have an Electrical Safety Report carried out by a competent and qualified electrical inspector and tester at least every 5 years. This must be given to you at the start of your tenancy. This also applies to the social rented sector in Wales. For more information about the Electrical Safety Standards that apply in England, click here. For more information about Electrical Safety regulations in Wales, click here.

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If your landlord hires a registered inspector to undertake the electrical inspection and test of your electrical installation and a registered installer to undertake any further investigation or remedial work, you can have peace of mind that the work being undertaken in your home is safe and meets legal requirements. It's therefore important to make them aware of the benefits of this choice if you have the opportunity to do so.

Why chose a NAPIT registered inspector to undertake the Electrical Inspection and Test?

Using an Electrical Inspector listed on NAPIT Electrical Inspector Scheme gives you the confidence that the person undertaking the electrical inspection and testing of your electrical installation satisfies the 'competent and qualified' requirement of the Regulations and guidance in England, Scotland and Wales.

Supporting our members to support you

Choosing a NAPIT registered installer gives your landlord access to support and guidance should anything go wrong, including mediation, a work quality guarantee (where applicable) and advice should further action be required.

To find an installer in your area, use our free search facility. Simply type in your postcode and contact the right installer for you today.

Free support

Advice is also available for tenants from organisations such as **Shelter**. You should contact them if you experience any problems during your tenancy which cannot be resolved with your landlord.