

Request Details

Electrical Safety

1. Do you currently carry out electrical safety inspections across your social housing stock?

- a. Yes, across all our housing stock (go to question 3)
- b. Yes, but only across part of our housing stock (go to question 3)
- c. No (go to question 2)

2. Why don't you carry out regular electrical safety inspections?

- a. Not a legal requirement
- b. Cost prohibitive
- c. Too disruptive to tenants
- d. Don't have the time
- e. Don't know how to go about it
- f. Other (specify)

Go to question 7

3. How often do you carry out these inspections?

- a. Every 5 years
- b. Every 10 years
- c. On change of tenancy
- d. During home improvements (e.g. fitting of new kitchens)
- e. Other, please specify

4. How do you find the electrician that carries out these inspections for you?

- a. Through a trade or certification body (SELECT, SJIB, NICEIC, NAPIT)
- b. Online web search
- c. Local advertising media
- d. Recommended by someone/organisation
- e. Social media

f. Don't know/Don't remember

g. Other – please specify

5. Do you carry out any form of interim visual inspection for electrical defects on your properties?

a. Yes, across all our housing stock (go to question 6)

b. Yes, but only across part of our housing stock (go to question 6)

c. No (go to question 7)

6. How often do you carry out these interim visual inspections?

a. Every year

b. On change of tenancy

c. During home improvements (e.g. fitting of new kitchens)

d. Other, please specify

7. Do you provide any White Goods (e.g. fridge freezers, washing machines etc) as part of your tenancy agreements?

a. Yes (go to question 8)

b. No (go to question 9)

8. Do you have any systems in place for checking whether the White Goods you supply may become subject to a product recall?

a. Yes

b. No

9. Are Residual Current Devices (RCDs) fitted in your properties?

a. Yes, across all our housing stock

b. Yes, but only across part of our housing stock

c. Unsure

d. No

10. Do you provide advice to tenants regarding electrical safety and how to manage electrical risk in their homes?

a. Yes (go to question 11)

b. No (go to question 12)

11. Please specify which advice you provide.

a. Information provided at start of the tenancy

- b. Leaflets provided or made available
- c. User manuals provided for all appliances included as part of the tenancy
- d. Promote details on social media and online channels
- e. Other, please specify

12. What, if anything, would you like to see happen with electrical safety regulation in the social housing sector?

- a. Stay the same
- b. Change to a mandatory regime, similar to requirements in the private rented sector (i.e. mandatory 5 yearly inspections of installations and any appliances provided as part of a let and RCDs fitted in consumer units)
- c. Undecided

Information Request - Electrical Safety

In response to your FOI enquiry, I can confirm the following answers to the posed questions:-

1. Q. Do you currently carry out electrical safety inspections across your social housing stock?

A. (a) Yes, across all our stock

3. Q. How often do you carry out these inspections?

A. (a) Every 5 years

4. Q. How do you find the electrician that carries out these inspections for you?

A. (c) Local advertising media

5. Q. Do you carry out any form of interim visual inspection for electrical defects on your properties?

A. (a) Yes, across all our housing stock

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A. (b) No

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A. (a) Yes, across all our housing stock

10. Q. Do you provide advice to tenants regarding electrical safety and how to manage electrical risk in their homes?

A. (a) Yes

11. Q. Please specify which advice you provide.

A. (a) Information provided at start of tenancy

12. Q. What, if anything, would you like to see happen with electrical safety regulation in the social housing sector?

A. (b) Change to a mandatory regime, similar to requirements in the private rented sector (i.e. mandatory 5 yearly inspections of installations and any appliances provided as part of a let and RCDs fitted in consumer units)