

Keeping safe at home - Electrical Safety

Every home is unique but working **together**, we can help you to reduce the risk of electrical problems in your home. Here are some simple steps.



We will carry out an electrical test in your property every 5 years and we will need you to make sure that you keep your appointment.



We will look at the condition of existing wiring & identify any repairs needed to meet national safety, disconnecting any DIY wiring that is considered to be unsafe.



We will test fixed electrical equipment such as smoke alarms and ask that you test them regularly and report if they are not working.

IMPROVE ELECTRICAL SAFETY IN YOUR HOME BY:



- Not overloading sockets. Only one plug per socket
- Use a proper adaptor when using a non UK electrical appliance
- Don't use heaters for drying clothes
- Check appliances regularly - if you see burn marks around plugs, or cables and leads are broken or scorched, unplug immediately and arrange a qualified electrician to inspect or repair it



- Make sure fridges and tumble dryers are installed correctly and vents are not blocked - use them in line with manufacturers guidance



- Do not overload extension leads or adaptors - limits on Amps or Volts will be shown on the plug
- Follow manufacturers instructions when charging electrical goods - look for the CE mark that indicates chargers comply with European safety standards
- Never run mains powered items into a bathroom
- Only use electrical gardening equipment outside when it's dry



- Always switch off electrical items when not in use
- Don't cover plug sockets or extension cables
- Don't leave phone chargers or hot handheld electrical appliances such as hairdryers and straighteners plugged in when not in use.



Where you can find more information

Please ask us if you need safety advice about living in your home. We will be happy to visit you and help you identify what risks are and how you can reduce them.

Contact your Housing Officer or call the Customer Service Centre on 0300 003 5454

You will find more information on our website www.communityhousing.co.uk/homesafety

