



# About Electrical Safety

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Electricity is used in your home. It is used to make things like lights, fridges, microwaves and televisions work.



Electricity can be dangerous. It can cause accidents like fires and injuries.



A landlord is the person or company that owns your home. They rent the home to you.



This means you pay them money to live in your home.



Your landlord must make sure the electrics in your house are safe. Electrics are things like wires, plug sockets and things that use electricity.



Your landlord will send you a letter to sort out a visit for an electrical safety check.



An electrical safety check helps to make sure that your home is safe to live in.



An electrical safety check can be called an Electrical Installation Condition Report. It is called an EICR for short.



Your landlord will sort out an electrical safety check at your home every 5 years.



Your landlord will send an electrician. This is someone who has had training and knows a lot about electricity in the home.



The electrician will do tests to make sure everything is working safely.



The electrician will need to turn the electricity off for part of the check.



This will mean that things that use electricity will not work when the safety check takes place.



The electrician will find any problems that need fixing.



They will fix it straight away if they can.

Or another electrician will fix it within 28 days.



The electrician will look at things in your home that are owned by your landlord. Things like your fridge, cooker and washing machine.



The electrician will not check the electrical things that you own. It is your job to check your things.



The safety check could take up to 4 hours.



You must be at home when the electrician does the safety check.



You could ask a family member, carer, or social worker to be with you.



You must let the electrician into your home.





You should ask to see identification before letting anyone into your home. It is called ID for short. This is something that shows you who the person is.



You will not have to pay anything for the safety check.



If you are worried about the check, you can contact your landlord.