

# Electrical installations



## Everything you need to know:

At some point everybody will require some electrical works undertaken, whether it be within an extension or if it is an upgrade of a dated fuse board. It is important to be mindful that it isn't always as straight forward as it may seem and this is where your Local Authority Building Control team can help! Below are some helpful tips and things to be aware of!

### What should you consider?

Are the works that you are planning notifiable to Building Control? All of the works listed below require either a building regulations application or the appointment of a competent person, registered with an appropriate body such as NAPIT, NICEIC or similar.

- Replacement consumer units / fuse boxes
- Any new electrical circuit connected to the fuse box
- Complete rewires
- Electrical work in bathrooms when there is a bath or shower present.

#### What is a competent person?

A member of the competent person scheme is able to self certify their work and you are not required to pay for any Building Control fees or to make a Building Regulations application. You can check if your electrician is a member of the Competent person scheme or find a registered electrician at [www.competentperson.co.uk](http://www.competentperson.co.uk).

Compliance certificates from the competent persons scheme should be received within 30 days and the competent person should automatically notify Building Control on your behalf.

#### The Building Regulations

If you decide against the competent person route and appoint East Suffolk Building Control, there will be a fee incurred by you and we will appoint a qualified electrician to check the first and second fix installation.

### What do you need to do next?

Firstly check that the works you are planning to undertake are notifiable.

If they are then decide which route you wish to go down, Building Regulations or the Competent Persons scheme.

Appoint a reputable electrician, do your research and ask for references or to see previously completed work.

Consult with your neighbours before starting works to let them know to expect things like noise and dust.

Make your Building regulations application here : [www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/building-control/make-a-building-regulations-application](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/building-control/make-a-building-regulations-application) (if you haven't appointed a competent person)

You can start work 48 hours after submitting your application.

Please notify us at least the day before you require an inspection and we will need to inspect;

- First fix installation before the wiring is covered in
- Second fix installation
- Completion

Commercial installations are not covered under Approved Document P and all commercial works should have a qualified electrician undertake the installations that can provide commissioning certificates. For further information please contact the Building Control team.

***On successful completion you will receive a certificate of compliance to keep safe should you ever sell or mortgage your property.***

Still have a query? Did you know that we do offer 1 hours free pre application consultation for those who need it. Contact us today at [building.control@eastsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:building.control@eastsuffolk.gov.uk) / 01502 523072