

Landlords interim checklist

Electrical safety checklist

Conditions of use:

This checklist should only be used where both of the following conditions have been met.

- A formal inspection and test (EICR) has been carried out on the property (within the last 5 years)
- Actions recorded on the EICR have been addressed
(Tick to confirm)

Name: *(Person carrying out the electrical safety check)*

Date: *(Date carried out)*

Address of property: *(Print the full address of the property being checked)*

Checklist summary: *(Provide details of the electrical safety risk(s) and state the required action)*

Record the risk and its location	State the action to be taken
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(Where additional risks need to be recorded, attach an additional page to this checklist)

Comments: *(Insert, as appropriate, any other comments regarding the electrical safety of the premises)*

Electrical safety checklist:

Use the items listed below as a guide for carrying out the electrical safety check. Where a safety risk is identified record the details on the checklist summary, overleaf.

(Please note: this list is not exhaustive.)

Fusebox (Consumer unit)

- 1) All covers are in place and fitted correctly (a damaged cover could lead to a shock or fire risk)
- 2) Residual Current Device (RCD)* trips when the test (or 'T') button is pressed
- 3) Combustible materials are not stored on or near the Fusebox (e.g. paint, newspapers, cleaning fluids)

Sockets and lighting

- 1) Sockets, lights and switches are securely fixed and in good condition (e.g. not broken or cracked)
- 2) Sockets, lights and switches show no signs of overheating (e.g. blackening, scorch marks)
- 3) Flexible cables are not in a position where they are likely to suffer damage (e.g. under carpets or rugs, passing through door/window openings)
- 4) Sockets are not overloaded with too many appliances (e.g. inappropriate use of adaptors and/or extension leads)

Electrical appliances

- 1) Appliances are not subject to a product recall (visit [electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk/recall](https://www.electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk/recall) to check the appliances in your property)
- 2) All covers are in place and in a satisfactory condition (a damaged casing could lead to a shock or fire risk)
- 3) Flexible cables are in a satisfactory condition and show no signs of deterioration (e.g. fraying/ splitting)
- 4) Flexible cables are securely attached to the appliance and plug

Additional safety checks

- 1) Smoke alarm sounds when the test button is operated
- 2) Carbon monoxide alarm sounds when the test button is operated

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