

Electrical Safety Policy

At CDS, we recognise and acknowledge our responsibility to take general precautions to protect the safety and wellbeing of all our employees, tenants, contractors and others, “so far as reasonably practicable” in relation to risks arising from electricity.

We are also aware that faults in electrical wiring systems and portable appliances account for a significant amount of fires in premises and can also lead to electric shock resulting in burn injuries, or fatalities.

Our policy is to:

- Identify and manage the risks associated with the fixed wiring installation, portable electrical appliances, and other sources of electricity, e.g., static.
- Ensure fixed wiring installations are subject to formal inspection and test by a competent person at periods advised by the competent person at void or at least every five years, and that they are certificated as compliant with BS7671 (IEE Wiring Regulations current edition).
- Seek competent advice before making any changes to electrical installations.
- Subject all portable electrical appliances – including extension cables, fixed or transportable electrical equipment to routine inspection, e.g., pre-use ‘User’ checks and more formal inspection and test regimes by a trained, competent person at intervals identified from risk assessments, coupled to recommended industry guidance and best practice.
- Ensure that for outside work and where practicable that rechargeable, hand-held power tools, or equipment operating at 110V with a working RCD protector in the circuit are used.
- Ensure all high electrical hazard areas are highlighted with hazard warning signage and protected from unauthorised access or tampering by locked/secure doors or coverings/panels etc.
- Provide information to CDS personnel to ensure they know how to report damage and defective equipment promptly, to avoid the potential for electric shocks or potential fire situations.

Emphasise to CDS personnel the importance of pre-use visual checks, as formal testing only records the condition of equipment and wiring at the time of test.

- Ensure only approved electrical equipment is brought onto CDS's premises or used in connection with CDS business.
- Keep an appropriate record of all training, maintenance, inspection and test programmes and activities connected with electrical equipment.
- We will carry out portable appliance testing regularly.

Principle Legislation:

Electricity at Work Regulations

Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations

Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations (PUWER)