

Electricity

Tenant Information

1. Who is responsible for the safety of electrical supplies in my home?

Papworth Trust are responsible for ensuring the safety of electrical supplies in shared and communal areas and the supply of electricity to: the sockets; light switches; light fittings; boilers; kitchen and bathroom extractor fans fitted by Papworth Trust; fire alarms and hard-wired CO2 alarms.

2. What are the risks?

Faulty electrical supplies can cause serious injury or death. Damaged or faulty equipment can lead to electrical shocks, fires and explosions.

3. How do Papworth Trust manage that risk?

Papworth Trust have a program of checks and maintenance of communal electrical supplies and those in your home.

Electrical Installation Condition Reports are provided by our electricians after every check. The report will highlight any immediate action the Trust needs to take. You will receive a copy of this report.

Additionally, if we spot any damaged or faulty systems, we will carry out required repairs.

Our electricians will always make sure electrical supplies are safe before they leave the property.

In shared, communal areas and individual homes Papworth Trust carry out Portable Appliance (PAT) Testing on a rolling program for electrical items we own.

4. How can I help manage electrical supply safety?

Please do not carry out your own electrical repairs.

If you think a socket in your property or an electrical supply in a communal area is damaged or faulty please tell us straight away by calling the repairs line. We will inspect the fault and make any repairs necessary.

It is important to maintain any of your own electrical items in your home and make sure they are undamaged. If you think any electrical items in your home are damaged, then contact a professional electrician for advice or replace the appliances.

Do not overload your sockets. Do not link extension leads together. Extend coiled extension leads as per the manufacturers' instructions.

Any changes tenants wish to make to the electrical systems in their home should be applied under the Tenant Alteration Policy.

Further information on electrical safety can be found at:

<https://www.electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk/guidance/safety-around-the-home/>

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