

ECA Members and Peace of Mind

- Founded over 100 years ago, the ECA is the UK's largest and leading trade association for electrical, electronic and building services companies.
 - ECA Members are subject to regular technical assessment. Those that are registered with a government approved Part P Competent Person Scheme are clearly marked with a **P** in the ECA on-line register of contractors (www.eca.co.uk).
 - Customers using an ECA Member should;
 - receive a written estimate for, and clear description of the work required, stating the expected start and completion dates.
 - receive, free of charge, the benefit of the ECA Warranty and Bond schemes. (Subject to the terms and conditions of these schemes, the Warranty and Bond provide customers with protection against the risk of work that has not been carried out properly and the risk of a member becoming insolvent).
- And, in the event of a dispute;
- You can request an independent inspection of the work to establish whether or not it complies with the relevant standards.

For further information visit:-

www.odpm.gov.uk/electricalsafety - the website of the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister from which you can obtain full details about Part P and more generally the Building Regulations

www.labc-services.co.uk - the website of Local Authority Building Control where you can find the contact details of the Building Control Department for all local authorities

www.partp.co.uk - the website of the Competent Person Scheme offered by BRE Certification Ltd and supported by the Electrical Contractors' Association (ECA)

Contact details for all the authorised competent person schemes are as follows:-

Authorised competent person self-certification schemes for installers who can do all electrical installation work:

BRE Certification Limited

Phone: 0870 609 6093
www.partp.co.uk

NAPIT

Phone: 0870 444 1392
www.napit.org.uk

British Standards Institution NICEIC

Phone: 08450 765610
www.kitemark.com

Phone: 0870 013 0382
www.niceic.com

ELECSA

Phone: 08456 349045
www.elecsa.co.uk



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MAKING ELECTRICAL

TECHNOLOGY WORK

Electrical Safety in the Home

A Guide to the New Requirements

- Part P rules to be observed and how to deal with them



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The Rules:

- Anyone carrying out electrical work in homes and gardens in England and Wales **must** follow the relevant rules contained in the Building Regulations.*
- These rules were introduced to reduce the number of deaths, injuries and fires caused by faulty electrical installations.
- If you intend to have electrical work done you **must**, with certain exceptions, tell your local authority's Building Control Department **before** work begins.
- **If** you use an installer registered with one of the government-approved Competent Person Schemes (see, details on the back page) **you can proceed without reference to** Building Control because these firms have been authorised to self-certify that their work complies with the Building Regulations.



**Failure to comply with the Building Regulations is a criminal offence and subject to fines of up to £5,000.*

Competent Persons Schemes:

If you use a firm registered with a Competent Person Scheme:-

- The firm can deal with all the Building Regulations' requirements for you.
- The firm will have been independently assessed as competent to carry out work in compliance with the Building Regulations.
- You will not have to pay Building Control charges.
- You will have the option of taking out an insurance-backed guarantee for the work.
- You will have access to a formal complaints procedure if you are not happy with the work.



Finding a Firm:

- If you are looking for a firm to carry out electrical work you can refer to the ECA on-line register of contractors (www.eca.co.uk) where firms that are registered with self-certification schemes are clearly marked with a **P**
- Alternatively you can contact one of the approved schemes, all of which are required to make lists of registered installers available to the public (see back page).
- Always check the credentials of a firm, even if it claims to be registered with an approved Competent Person Scheme - ask for the firm's registration number and the name of the scheme.
- If you have any doubts contact your local authority's Building Control Department or the scheme operator.

