



# How do I PAT test in rented properties?

The [Landlords' Guide to Electrical Safety](#) contains practical guidance about maintaining the electrical installation and any electrical appliances supplied in a property. The key activities a responsible landlord should undertake on a regular basis include:

Visual checks of the electrical installation (ie. the wires, sockets, switches, fuse box, light fittings) – highlighting what to look for that may indicate a safety issue.

Periodic Inspection Testing - what it covers, recommendations for when it is required (for rented accommodation, the ESC recommends that it should be done on change of tenancy or at least every five years) and how to read a periodic inspection report.

Portable Appliances – recommendations for ensuring that they are safe for use, how to conduct visual safety checks, as well as detailed guidance about recommended frequency of inspection and portable appliance testing for different types of appliances.

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