QUESTIONS FREQUENTLY ASKED BY CONSUMERS ABOUT PART P

Q) What is 'Part P'?

A) This refers to Part P of the Building Regulations 2000. These are statutory requirements that apply to building work in England and Wales. Part P gives legally enforceable rules relating to electrical safety in houses and flats (referred to in the regulations as 'dwellings'). The various other Parts of the Building Regulations give legal requirements relating to structure, fire safety etc.

Q) What work has to comply with Part P?

A) Since 1 January 2005, **all** electrical installation work carried in houses and flats in England and Wales must comply with the Building Regulations.

Control Department.

Q) Why have the new rules been introduced?

A) To help reduce the number of deaths, injuries and fires caused by faulty electrical installations and to make it harder for 'cowboy builders' to leave electrical installations in an unsafe condition.

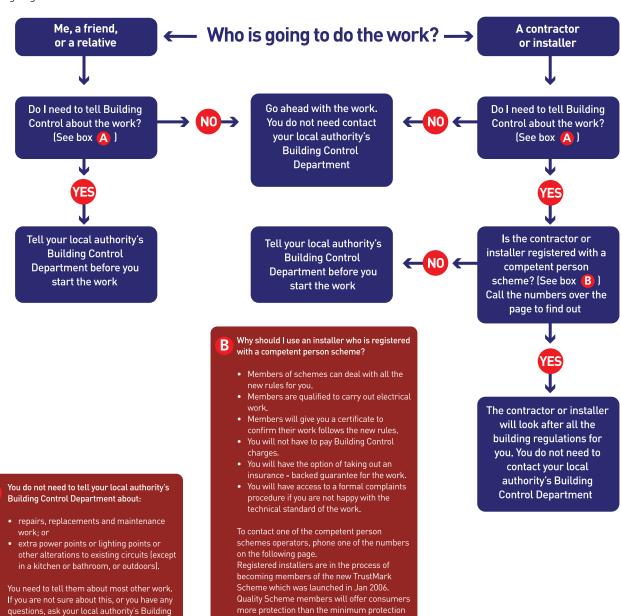
Q) If I want some electrical work carried out, do I have to tell my local authority's Building Control Department before the work starts?

A) The diagram below sets out the options for consumers.

Q) What will happen if electrical work does **not** comply with the Building Regulations?

A) The electrical installation might **not** be safe. Also:

- the local authority may insist that you have faulty work put right
- without the relevant electrical safety and compliance certificates, you may have difficulty in selling your home.
- Q) How can I find a registered installer to carry out my electrical installation work?
- A) Visit the websites of the approved scheme



registered installers must offer.

operators shown here, or, more conveniently, visit the Local Authority Building Control website: www.competentperson.co.uk.
This has a searchable database of all
Competent Persons registered with approved scheme operators.

Q) Where can I find out more about Part P?

A) Amongst other places, further details including leaflets can be found on the government website **www.communities.gov.uk**, and on the Electrical Safety Council's website

www.electricalsafetycouncil.org.uk



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