

THE ULTIMATE PRE-VISIT ELECTRICAL CHECKLIST

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The truth is, for many electrical jobs, the call-out fee is the most expensive part. So it makes sense to get as much done as possible in a single visit.

We've created this free, easy-to-use checklist to help you do exactly that. It's designed to help you think through every repair, upgrade, or question before your electrician arrives, so nothing gets missed, and everything gets sorted.

General Repairs

- Lighting Issues**
Do you have any lights that flicker, don't turn on, or need replacing?
- Power Points**
Are there any power points that don't work or feel unreliable?
- Loose Switches**
Do any of your switches feel loose or unstable when used?
- Warm Switches**
Have you noticed any switches that feel hot to the touch?
- Breaker Tripping**
Do certain appliances regularly trip your breakers or RCDs?
- New Smoke Alarms**
Do you need smoke alarms installed in new areas of your home?
- Old Smoke Alarms**
Do you have smoke alarms that are over 10 years old and need replacing?

Safety Concerns

- Exposed Wiring**
Have you seen any exposed wires around fittings or switchboards?
- Damaged Outlets**
Are any of your power points cracked, chipped, or broken?
- Old Switchboard**
Is your switchboard outdated or still using ceramic fuses?
- Overheating Plugs**
Have you noticed plugs or cords that feel hot after use?
- Buzzing or Humming**
Do any switches, outlets, or lights make a buzzing noise?
- Old DIY Electrical Work**
Is there any past DIY work you'd like checked for safety?
- Unprotected Rooms**
Are there any bedrooms or living areas without smoke alarms?
- Poor Ventilation**
Are there rooms that feel damp or poorly ventilated?

Energy Efficiency

- LED Lighting**
Would you like to replace old halogen or incandescent bulbs with LEDs?
- Heating Upgrades**
Are you thinking about replacing old heaters with a heat pump?
- Wiring Check**
Would you like to know if your wiring is suitable for modern energy demands?
- Lighting Layout**
Do you want to improve lighting coverage or add dimmers?

Future-Proofing

- Renovations**
Are you planning any renovations that could benefit from pre-wiring?
- Wall Access**
Are there areas of your home currently under renovation where wiring can be installed before closing the walls?
- Media or Data Wiring**
Do you want to plan ahead for TV, sound, or internet cabling?
- Outdoor Power**
Would outdoor power points be useful?

Ventilation & Heating

- Mould or Moisture**
Are there any damp or mouldy areas in your home you'd like to address?
- Heat Pump Service**
Is your heat pump due for a clean or service to keep it running efficiently?
- Extractor Fan Performance**
Do your bathroom or kitchen fans seem noisy, weak, or ineffective?
- Stuffy Rooms**
Are there any rooms in your home that feel stale or cut off from fresh air?
- Home Ventilation**
Would you like to learn how a system like SmartVent could help with airflow and moisture control?

Prepare The Space

- Switchboard Access**
Is the area around your switchboard clear and easy to access?
- Move Furniture**
Is any furniture blocking light fittings, switches, or work areas?
- Unlock Areas**
Are garages, attics, or outdoor gates unlocked and accessible?
- Secure Pets**
Do you need to secure pets so they're safe during the visit?

Questions To Ask During The Visit

Make the most of your electrician's time by asking the right questions while they're there. This is your chance to get expert insight, practical advice, and peace of mind — whether it's about safety, efficiency, or preparing for future upgrades. Don't be afraid to ask! A good sparkie will be happy to walk you through it.

Are there any upgrades you'd recommend to make my home safer?

Are there any ways I could save energy or reduce my power bill?

Is my switchboard up to modern safety standards?

Do I have the right protection in place for power surges or faults?

Would you recommend upgrading any of my breakers or circuits?

What maintenance should I be doing between visits?

Can you tell me what's covered under warranty — and for how long?

Is there anything you noticed that might become a bigger issue later?

Is my home properly earthed, and is the earth stake still in good condition?

Are my smoke alarms installed in the right places and up to current standards?

Is any of my current wiring nearing the end of its life?