

Guidance for homeowners:

There are no legal requirements for homeowners to have an Electrical Installation Condition Report although it is a sensible practise to adopt in order to check the safety of your electrics and help prevent any avoidable accidents from occurring.

EICRs are often recommended as part of a house selling process and can prove invaluable in terms of checking the electrics of a property before deciding to buy it.

There were nearly 2.5 million residential sales in the UK in 2014-15. However, research carried out by Electrical Safety First found that only 37% of buyers had the electrics checked before purchase. One in five believed that electrical checks were included in the recommended home survey report and just under half were unaware that checks were needed at all.

Over a third of home buyers then went on to discover electrical problems that they were not aware of before purchase - something that could easily be avoided by getting a registered electrician to inspect the electrics and issue an Electrical Installation Condition Report.