

### General Information

**P1** “Reasonable provision shall be made in the design installation inspection and testing of electrical installations in order to protect persons from fire or injury”

**P2** “Sufficient information shall be provided so that persons wishing to operate, maintain or alter an electrical installation can do so with reasonable safety”.

Part P applies to the electrical, at low (240v) or extra low voltage in:

Dwellings:

- Common parts of buildings serving dwellings but excluding power supply to lifts)
- Buildings receiving electricity from dwellings
- Gardens or land associated with a dwelling where the electricity is from a source within or shared with a dwelling

All electrical work in domestic installations must comply with Part P (and BS7671). However, not all work is notifiable to the Local Authority.

### Special Locations & Installations (Table 2)

Table 2 lists these special locations (they are mainly areas where people are more likely to be walking around bare footed and perhaps wet and so will be a good conductor to earth).

Electrical installations in these areas and/or these types of installations require approval:

- Locations containing a bathtub or shower basins
- Swimming pools or paddling pools
- Hot air saunas
- Electric floor or ceiling heating systems
- Garden lighting or power installations
- Solar photovoltaic (PV) power supply systems
- Small-scale generators such as microCHP units
- Extra-low voltage lighting installations, other than pre-assembled, CE-marked lighting sets.

### Non-notifiable work includes:

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- Replacing accessories (sockets, outlets, switches, ceiling roses)
- Replacing the cable to a single circuit following damage

As well as replacements, some new work is not notifiable if it is not in a kitchen, bathroom, or other ‘special location’.

- Adding lighting points to an existing circuit
- Adding socket outlets and fused spurs to an existing ring or radial circuit
- Installing or upgrading equipotential bonding

For example, the Authority would not need to be notified about electrical work in a living room, garage, conservatory, dining room or bedroom extension unless a completely new circuit was being added.

In a kitchen or bathroom (or a bedroom with a shower in the corner) you would require approval for **any** electrical work.