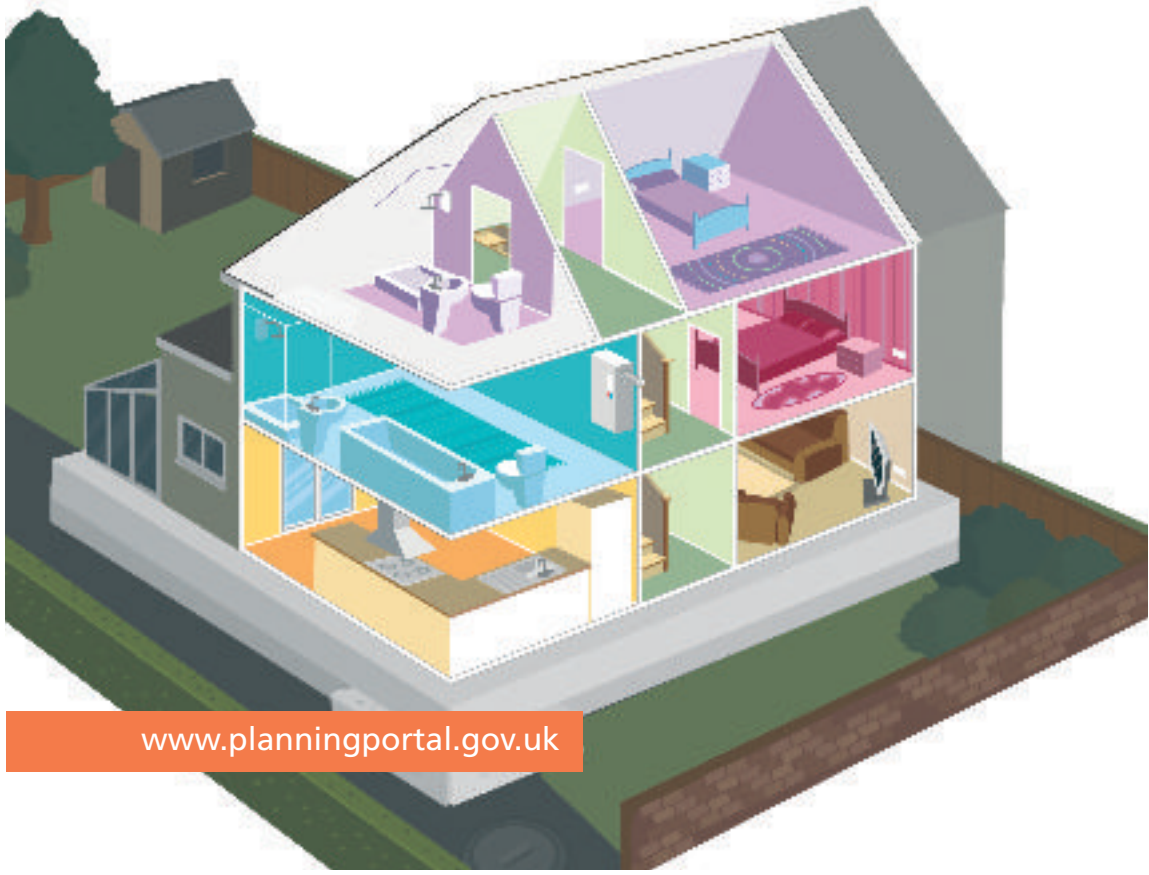


Rules for electrical safety in the home

Read this before you start any electrical work
in your home.

Many electrical jobs in the home – from alteration work
in kitchens and bathrooms to completely rewiring your
house must now be approved by your local council,
unless they are carried out by a registered installer.



Why are there rules for electrical safety in the home?

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

What should I do if I want to do some electrical work?

- See the flow chart to check if you need to tell your Local Authority's Building Control Department before you start the work.

What will happen if I do not follow the Building Regulations?

- The electrical installation might not be safe.
- You will have no record of the work done.
- If any work that has been carried out is found to be faulty, your local authority's Building Control Department may insist you put it right.

Where can I get more information?

- From your local authority's Building Control Department.
- We publish a free 'Explanatory Booklet on the Building Regulations'. Phone **0870 1226 236** or visit **www.communities.gov.uk/explanatory-booklet** for a copy.
- To find a registered installer within a Competent Person Scheme, see **Box C**.

