

# Safer places of Worship

## Electrical Installations

Electrical wiring and equipment should be installed and maintained in accordance with BS7671 'Regulations for Electrical Installations' and current Institution of Electrical Engineers (IEE) requirements.

Any work required on the installation should only be undertaken by contractors registered with the National Inspection Council of Electrical Installation Contracting (NICEIC) or the Electrical Contractors Association (ECA).



It is recommended that the fixed electrical installation be inspected and tested every 5 years in accordance with IEE Regulations 712/713 and an inspection certificate obtained in every case.

Portable electrical equipment should be inspected on a regular basis and ensure that worn flexes, broken plugs/sockets etc are replaced immediately. **INDG236 - Maintaining Portable Electrical Equipment in Offices and Other Low – Risk Environments** provides further guidance <http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg236.pdf>

Never store combustible materials near switchgear or within a room containing such equipment.

### Socket Outlets

Most licensing authorities require one of the following forms of protection as a condition of either a stage play licence or an entertainment licence, either:-

1. Every socket outlet circuit should be protected by a residual current device having a rated residual operating current not exceeding 30 mA, or,
2. Every individual socket outlet should be protected by an integral residual current device having a rated residual operating current not exceeding 30 mA. Advice should be sought from a qualified electrician.

The use of non-fused multi-point adapters must be avoided and it is strongly advised that you have one plug to each socket. If fused multi-point adaptors are used, it must be ensured that their capacity is not exceeded.

Except those in use over a 24-hour period, circuits should be switched off at the mains when the building is closed.

Tungsten filament bulbs should be replaced with fluorescent fittings in areas where there is any possibility of them being close to combustible materials.

### Extension Leads/Temporary Wiring

Should only be utilised as a last resort. All temporary wiring must be disconnected from the mains sockets when not in use, not just turned off. In order to avoid overheating, coiled extension leads and wander leads should be fully extended before being used.