

Home visits by electricians, plumbers and other trades people

Recommended Safety procedures

Tradespeople's safety is equally important as your own.

Ask yourself: Is the visit essential? If it is not: postpone it.

Ask yourself: Can the problem be solved through a video conversation or by consulting YouTube?

Think through exactly what work needs to be done. Brief tradespeople in detail before their visit so that they know what tools and parts they need to bring with them; so that you can keep on-site briefing to a minimum.

Send photographs of the work site where possible.

Clear access to the site before the visit.

Where possible clean the area immediately around the site with alcohol, Dettol or Milton wipes

Immediately before the visit, or on arrival, confirm that you and the tradespeople believe you are both free from symptoms of Coronavirus. If either of you are unsure, cancel the visit

Do not handle any of the tools or materials brought onto the site.

If the work is outside neither party need wear gloves nor wear masks if social distancing of two metres is maintained.

If the work is indoors:

- keep the area well ventilated.
- ask tradespeople to wash their hands for 20 seconds, or use hand sanitiser if washing is not possible.

- keep to social distancing of two metres as a minimum and preferably stay out of any rooms where work is being done.
- ask tradespeople to wear a mask and do so yourself if you are going to be in the same room.

Do not offer tradespeople anything to drink.

After the work is completed get the tradesperson to clean the immediate area with alcohol, Dettol or Milton wipes.

Pay by bank transfer if possible.

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