



Editorial

How To Stay Safe In Your Home

Whether you are having maintenance or improvements work carried out in your home, you need to always make sure that this is to the right standards for yours and your family's safety. But, how do you know if something is wrong?

More accidents occur in the home than anywhere else. Therefore various industry experts have designed a set of Home Safety Guidance Documents to help you ensure all the appropriate checks have been made.

NAPIT

NAPIT, a Government approved Competent Person Scheme operator for installers across the building services sector, chaired the sub group of the Electrical Safety Roundtable which produced the Home Safety Guidance Documents.

"Ignorance can be incredibly dangerous when it comes to home safety. Simple checks like making sure there are no signs of damage to electrical sockets and eliminating trip hazards can save lives," said Charlotte Lee, NAPIT's Public Affairs Manager.

"We were keen to help create these documents to give householders useful reference tools for checking their home and to encourage the use of competent, registered installers for any work carried out. This ensures it will be safe, installed correctly and meets the legally required standards."

NAPIT Registered Installers all meet strict qualification requirements and are regularly assessed to ensure their ongoing competence. Whether your job is large or small, NAPIT has registered installers that can do the job for you,

supply you with the correct certification and, more importantly, help keep you and your family safe.

TrustMark

TrustMark, the only Government-endorsed 'find a tradesperson' scheme for all trades around the home, support the creation and use of the Home Safety Guidance Documents as taking simple steps to ensuring you and your family are protected.

"The creation of a set of checklists for people to refer to when it comes to home safety can go a long way to prevent needless damage to property and help save lives. But people then have to make sure they employ the right people to work in their home," says Simon Ayers, Chief Executive of TrustMark.

"While it can be tempting for those without a network of reliable tradesmen to try their hand at DIY, ask a friend or family member to complete the work or find the cheapest quote for the job, it's worth getting an expert in to be sure you're completely safe in your home. TrustMark provides homeowners with extra security, the reassurances they are looking for and the confidence that they are working with tradespeople who are best in the business – they can take the worry out of work."

To access the Home Safety Guidance Documents visit homesafetyguidance.co.uk and for the peace of mind that comes with hiring a NAPIT Registered Installer, search in your local area using the search facility at www.napit.org.uk/member-search.aspx or call 0345 543 0330.

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