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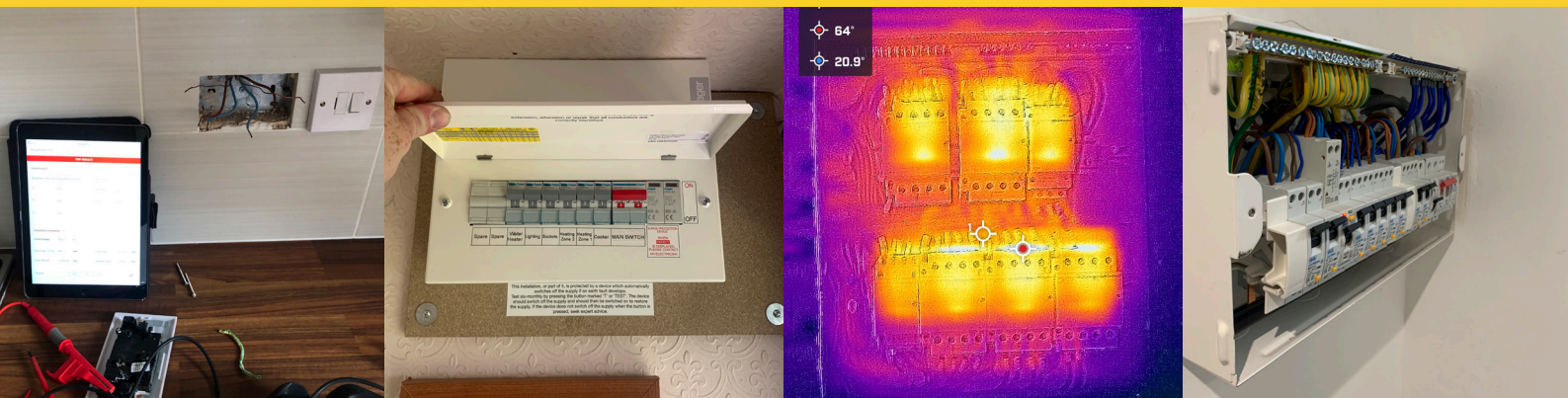
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## EICR Homeowner Information Sheet

### Why You Should Consider Having a Home Safety Check (EICR)

An Electrical Installation Condition Report (EICR) is a safety inspection conducted by a qualified electrician to assess the state of the electrical installations in your home – think of it like an MOT for a building.

For privately owned domestic properties, it's advisable, and sometimes required for insurance purposes, to have the electrical installation tested and inspected at regular intervals, at least once every ten years or upon change of occupancy.





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Prior to 2012, the EICR was known as a Periodic Inspection Report (PIR). But why should you consider an EICR? Here are some key reasons:

### **To Identify Any Damage to Electrical Installations**

As part of the EICR, the electrician will carry out a visual inspection to check for damaged or broken plug sockets, switches, light fittings, fuse boards, and signs of overheating or burning.

### **To Ensure Electrical Devices Are Installed in the Right Locations**

For instance, wall-mounted light switches should not be installed inside bathrooms.

### **To Check Your Earthing**

The electrician will verify that the earthing system is suitable for your property. Adequate earthing is essential for the safety of all occupants and the property itself.

### **To Confirm the Presence and Performance of RCDs**

If Residual Current Devices (RCDs) are installed, the electrician will test their functionality to ensure they offer adequate protection from electric shock.

### **To Assess the Severity of Any Identified Issues**

Any issues found will be categorised by the electrician with a C1, C2, or C3 code on the EICR to indicate the level of risk.

## **Understanding the Codes**

### **Code C1 – Danger Present:**

This code indicates a risk of injury, and immediate remedial action is required to eliminate the dangerous condition.

### **Code C2 – Potentially Dangerous Condition:**

Urgent action is required. This code will describe the nature of the problem, though it does not specify the required remedial action.

### **Code C3 – Improvement Recommended:**

This code often means the installation does not fully comply with current regulations, though it meets previous standards and is considered safe. However, safety could be enhanced with improvements.

If you need further information or would like to book an EICR, please contact us on 01509 277479 or email [info@highland-electrical.co.uk](mailto:info@highland-electrical.co.uk).