



How to make your home a safer place

- For peace of mind, ask a registered electrician about having a modern consumer unit with RCDs installed – and help keep your family safe. Installation costs vary so we recommend getting several quotes before proceeding.
- Buy a plug-in RCD to use in any socket in your home – they're affordable (around £10) and available in your local DIY store or garden centre.
- Don't use electrical appliances, sockets or switches that you know are faulty or visibly damaged.
- Check the condition of cables and always keep them out of the way of the appliance you're using.

For more information visit www.esc.org.uk

If your electrics trip frequently it probably means you have a faulty appliance or wiring. Call in a registered electrician to find out what's wrong.



An RCD could save your life.

Find out how it could protect you, your family and your home.



Electrical accidents happen more often than you think

Every year in the UK about 70 people die and 1.2 million are injured in electrical accidents at home.

Almost a third of electrical accidents happen as a result of people using faulty household appliances or cutting through electric cables when they are doing DIY or gardening.

The good news is that many injuries and deaths could be prevented by having RCD protection – whether by using a plug-in adapter or, better still, getting it installed in your sockets or consumer unit (fusebox).

Sarah Green's story

"I was using an electric hedge trimmer in the garden when I was distracted and I cut straight through the lead. When the trimmer stopped working I picked up the live end without thinking and got an electric shock which threw me violently to the ground."

An RCD could have reduced the severity of Sarah's accident and avoided her trip to hospital.

Plug into safety

Whenever you're planning a few home improvements or working in the garden, first make sure you protect yourself with an RCD. It could make the difference between life and death.

What is an RCD?

It's a must-have safety device, which switches off the electricity in a fraction of a second if you get an electric shock. It provides much better protection than just having ordinary fuses and circuit breakers.

Having a modern consumer unit fitted with RCDs gives you the best protection because they usually cover all the wiring, sockets and appliances in your home. From everyday electrical appliances to power tools, your whole family will be much safer using electricity.

If you're unsure whether your consumer unit already has built-in RCD protection, look for the 'T' test button and label stating 'test quarterly'. If you see them it's likely you are already RCD protected.



Like a smoke detector, an RCD installed in your home could one day save your life.

Protect yourself

Simply pop out this card to keep the details of your local registered electrician.

ELECTRICIAN'S NAME:

TELEPHONE:

EMAIL:

Ask me about RCD protection in your home



Get in touch with an electrician today to discuss fitting a consumer unit with RCDs to help protect the whole family.