

Electrical Safety: Find a suitably qualified electrician

Go to: <http://www.electricalcompetentperson.co.uk/>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Registered Competent Person Electrical search facility. The main heading is "Find an electrician". Below the heading is a search input field containing "E17 5PX" and a "Search" button. There are two radio button options: "To carry out installation or remedial work" and "To undertake an electrical safety report*" (which is selected). A note below the options states: "*including safety checks required to be carried out by landlords". Below the form, there is a paragraph explaining the service: "To start using the Registered Competent Person Electrical search facility, simply enter your postcode to find a registered electrician near you and choose one of the options." The background of the page features a close-up image of a hand plugging a two-prong electrical plug into a wall outlet.

Type in post code or the company name. For the purposes of this guidance I have used E17 5PX to search by location.

Chose wether you are looking for an electrical engineer to carry out installtion/remedial wors or to undertake an electrical safety report.

Click search.

The screenshot shows the search results page. The heading is "Check an electrician". The search input field still contains "E17 5PX" and the "Search" button is visible. The selected radio button option is "To undertake an electrical safety report*", with the same note about safety checks. Below the form, there is a map of the area around Tottenham and Walthamstow in London. The map shows several red location pins labeled with letters (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z) indicating the locations of registered electricians. The map also shows major roads like the A406 and A10, and landmarks like the River Lee and the Tottenham Hotspur stadium.

You will be shown a map of the post code area and a list of registered suitably qualified companies. There are a number of registered bodies that electricians must be a current and valid member of.

Important note: No matter how big or small the job, the electrician should provide you with an electrical installation certificate which will confirm that the work carried out meets the British Standard for electrical safety, BS7671.

All electrical work in dwellings is covered under Building Regulations. For any work that is notifiable, you should always receive a certificate to confirm that the work meets the applicable Building Regulations.

Once you have received certificate(s) relating to the electrical work, put them in a safe place. You may need to provide them as proof that you have had the work carried out safely, especially if you decide to sell your property.