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Missing Compliance Documents

Electrical compliance documents often become critical following a property sale, insurance claim, electrical incident, safety concern, regulatory enquiry, or dispute. Their absence may create uncertainty about compliance, safety, and responsibility. Three questions help frame the issue:

Compliance

Was the electrical work carried out, inspected, tested, and certified in accordance with the applicable legislation and standards?

Safety

Can the safety of the electrical installation still be established without the compliance documents?

Responsibility

Missing compliance documents do not establish that an installation is unsafe or non-compliant. However, they may make it difficult to determine whether the electrical work was inspected, tested, and certified in accordance with the applicable legislation and standards.

If an electrical incident or insurance claim later arises, the absence of compliance documents may make it more difficult to establish the facts. The electrical installation, site inspection, testing, photographs, equipment condition, and other available records may then become the primary sources of evidence.

Time is important. Records may be lost, equipment altered, and evidence compromised. Early investigation can preserve evidence, clarify compliance, and reduce the likelihood of disputes.

Key point

Missing compliance documents do not establish non-compliance. They create uncertainty. An independent engineering assessment can help establish the facts, assess compliance, and identify appropriate next steps.

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