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Electrical Safety

Portable Appliance Testing (PAT)- Frequency of Inspections

The frequency of safety testing for electrical appliances depends on the nature of the equipment and its location and use. Regardless of recommended testing frequencies, any equipment which looks in poor condition, or has been damaged, should be inspected and tested prior to use.

Equipment used in a youth centre, used by young people, or which is moved regularly or subject to heavy use/wear and tear should be tested annually.

Otherwise portable electrical equipment can generally be tested every 2 years unless there is cause for concern. Appliances can include any of the following :-

kettles, water heaters, vacuum cleaners, power tools, desk lamps, fans, floor polishers, extension leads, gardening equipment and toasters, portable stereos, some computer equipment, small desk lamps, televisions, video and DVD players, and television -top boxes.