

# Testing requirements

It's important that the following items are maintained or tested on a regular basis to ensure your Church is best protected. Testing (except for Smartwater) needs to be undertaken by a suitably qualified person. For more information please read our guidance.

Item	Frequency	Date tested	Name/Signature	Next review	Helpful guidance
Electrical Installation*	5 years				<a href="https://www.ecclesiastical.com/risk-management/church-electrical-wiring/">https://www.ecclesiastical.com/risk-management/church-electrical-wiring/</a>
Lightning Conductor	4 years				<a href="https://www.ecclesiastical.com/risk-management/church-lightning-advice/">https://www.ecclesiastical.com/risk-management/church-lightning-advice/</a>
Smartwater	5 years				<a href="https://www.ecclesiastical.com/risk-management/smartwater/">https://www.ecclesiastical.com/risk-management/smartwater/</a>
Alarm Systems	Annually				<a href="https://www.ecclesiastical.com/site-search/?q=alarms+">https://www.ecclesiastical.com/site-search/?q=alarms+</a>
Fire Extinguishers	Annually				<a href="https://www.ecclesiastical.com/documents/church-firefighting-equipment-guidance.pdf">https://www.ecclesiastical.com/documents/church-firefighting-equipment-guidance.pdf</a>
Fixed Heating Systems	Annually				<a href="https://www.ecclesiastical.com/risk-management/church-heating-systems/">https://www.ecclesiastical.com/risk-management/church-heating-systems/</a>

\*For Church buildings any electrical installation checks and works must only be undertaken by an electrician/electrical engineer accredited to work on commercial installations. Contractors accredited to work on domestic installations only will not be acceptable.

## Portable Appliance Testing

There is no statutory frequency for inspection and testing of portable appliances. The frequency should reflect the risk of the appliance causing damage or injury and this increases with the amount the appliance is used and the harshness of the working environment. For example, a kettle in regular use and movement should be examined more frequently than a computer in permanent position.

