# Electrical Safety Checklist for Hospitality, Catering & Entertainment Venues

This checklist is designed to help you quickly assess whether your venue meets essential electrical safety standards. It can be used alongside your regular inspections, Electrical Installation Condition Report (EICR), and Portable Appliance Testing (PAT). Addressing any 'No' answers promptly can help protect staff, customers, and your business from injury, fire, prosecution, and closure.

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| **Area** | **Question** | **Yes / No** |
| Fixed Installation | Has your electrical installation been inspected & tested by a competent person within the last 5 years (EICR)? |  |
| Fixed Installation | Were any C1, C2 or FI defects from the EICR corrected promptly? |  |
| Competent Person | Do you use only qualified electricians (ECA, NAPIT, NICEIC) for inspection, testing & repairs? <https://electricalcompetentperson.co.uk/> |  |
| Portable Equipment | Are user checks carried out before using electrical equipment? |  |
| Portable Equipment | Are formal visual inspections done regularly? |  |
| Portable Equipment | Is PAT carried out where necessary? |  |
| Portable Equipment | Is faulty or damaged equipment removed from use immediately? |  |
| Sockets & Extensions | Do you have enough sockets to avoid overloading and daisy-chaining extension leads? |  |
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| Sockets & Extensions | Are all extension leads fully uncoiled before use? |  |
| Cables | Are all cables free from visible damage and securely connected? |  |
| Cables | Are no temporary tape repairs used on cables? |  |
| RCD Protection | Are sockets for catering, bar or entertainer equipment protected by RCDs? |  |
| RCD Protection | Are RCDs tested regularly using the test button? |  |
| Consumer Unit | Are circuit breakers clearly labelled and the unit in good condition, with no gaps? |  |
| Outdoor Electrics | Is all outdoor equipment IP rated for weather protection? |  |
| Outdoor Electrics | Has outdoor equipment been checked for corrosion or damage? |  |
| Staff Training | Do staff know how report problems and to switch off the electricity supply in an emergency? |  |