

## Frequency of Inspection

Type of installation  1	Routine check sub clause 3.5  2	Maximum period between Inspections and testing as necessary 3	Reference (see key below)  4
<b>General installation</b>			
Domestic	-	Change of Occupancy/10 years	1, 2
Commercial	1 year	Change of occupancy/5 years	1, 2
Educational establishments	4 months	5 years	1, 2
Hospitals	1 year	5 years	1, 2
Industrial	1 year	3 years	1, 2
Residential Accommodation	At change of Occupancy/1 year	5 years	1
Offices	1 year	5 years	1, 2
Shops	1 year	5 years	1, 2
Laboratories	1 year	5 years	1, 2
<b>Buildings open to the public</b>			
Cinemas	1 year	1 to 3 years	2, 6, 7
Church installations	1 year	5 years	2
Leisure complexes (excluding swimming pools)	1 year	5 years	1, 2, 6
Places of public entertainment	1 year	5 years	1, 2, 6
Restaurants and hotels	1 year	5 years	1, 2, 6
Theatres	1 year	5 years	2, 6, 7
Public houses	1 year	5 years	1, 2, 6
Village halls/community centres	1 year	5 years	1, 2
<b>Special installations</b>			
Agricultural and horticultural	1 year	3 years	1, 2
Caravans	1 year	3 years	8
Caravan parks	6 months	1 year	1, 2, 6
Highway power supplies	As convenient	6 years	
Marinas	4 months	1 year	1, 2
Fish farms	4 months	1 year	1, 2
Swimming pools	4 months	1 year	1, 2, 6
Emergency lighting	Daily/monthly	3 years	2, 3, 4
Fire alarms	Daily/weekly/monthly	1 year	2, 4, 5
Laundrettes	1 year	1 year	1, 2, 6
Petrol filling stations	1 year	1 year	1, 2, 6
Construction site installations	3 months	3 months	1, 2

### Reference key

- 1 Particular attention must be taken to comply with SI 1988 No. 1057- Electricity, Safety, Quality and Continuity Regulations 2002 (as amended).
- 2 SI 1989 No. 635 – Electricity at Work Regulations 1989 (Regulation 4 & Memorandum).
- 3 See BS 5266: Part 1 : 2005 *Code of Practice for the emergency lighting of premises other than cinemas and certain other specified premises used for entertainment*
- 4 Other intervals are recommended for testing operation of batteries and generators.
- 5 See BS 5839: Part 1: 2002 *Code of practice for system design installation and servicing (Fire detection and alarm systems for buildings)*.
- 6 Local Authority Conditions of Licence.
- 7 SI 1995 No.1129 (Clause 27) – Cinematograph (Safety) Regulations.
- 8 It is recommended that a caravan is inspected and tested annually if it is used frequently (see 721.514.1 and Fig. 721 – Instructions for electricity supply).