

### A Safer Future for an Electric World

Electrical Safety First's Strategy 2023-28

Powering change + saving lives.

#### OUR MISSION - WHY WE ARE HERE



We exist to prevent deaths, injuries, and damage caused by electricity



To ensure everyone in the UK can use electricity safely in their home — today and tomorrow.



In a rapidly changing global environment and an increasingly electric world, our mission becomes more vital than ever.



The decarbonisation of heat and transport bring many changes to the future home — from heat pumps to solar panels and EV home charging — creating safety challenges.



New technologies and the rise in shopping via unregulated online marketplaces bring new threats — exacerbated by the rise in the cost-of-living.

### OUR AMBITIOUS FIVE-YEAR STRATEGY



A Safer Future for an Electric World is our strategy for 2023-28.

It reflects the increasing importance of electrical safety as the UK aims for net zero emissions by 2050, amid challenging socio-economic circumstances.

It shows how we will use a range of activities, focused on three key strategic priorities, to achieve our mission.



## OUR KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 2023-28





Expanding our profile and audience. Increasing communication reach, by:

- Securing regular comment and coverage in national, regional and specialist media.
- Creating a website aligned to our strategy and enhancing engagement with our audiences.
- Developing our social media strategy.
- Creating targeted stakeholder events.
- Establishing new research initiatives.



Ensuring all UK home installations – e.g. the fixed wiring – are safe, by:

- Lobbying and media campaigns to end the UK's tenure lottery.
- Helping develop effective regulation.
- Ensuring electrical safety is recognised in governments' net zero policies.
- Establishing free electrical checks for vulnerable groups.
- Industry collaboration to increase numbers of trained installers to achieve net zero safely.
- Ensure consumers can find trustworthy installers easily.



Collaborating on product safety standards, while responding to the challenges of online shopping, by:

- Campaigning for the UK Government to regulate online marketplaces to ensure an equal level of consumer protection as on the High Street.
- Maintaining and improving product standards.
- Supporting safe and sustainable products, amid challenging socio-economic circumstances and a developing circular economy.
- Empowering consumers with risk-reducing tools.

## THE RECOGNISED EXPERT VOICE IN ELECTRICAL SAFETY





Acknowledged as the expert voice and campaigning body

for electrical safety in the UK by governments, industry, and the consumer.



Rigorous research supporting our policy recommendations

and amplifying our voice.

## THE RECOGNISED EXPERT VOICE IN ELECTRICAL SAFETY



#### We'll do this through:

- **Enhanced communications** via major campaigns and redeveloped website.
- Social media extending reach to targeted stakeholders.
- Parliamentary and industry stakeholder events for awareness and collaboration.
- **New research initiatives** e.g. impact of cost of living saving safely; preparedness for electrification of heat and transport; the economic cost of fires; injury data.



## SAFER ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS





Equality, so everyone in the UK has the same electrical safety

in their home, including free electrical checks for the most vulnerable.



Ensure governments include electrical safety in net-zero strategies.



Ensure effective regulation and standards.



Help grow the number of competent installers

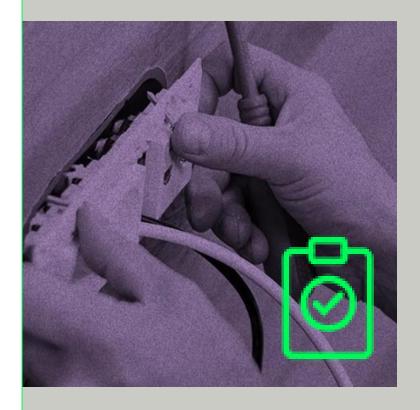
required for future demand. Ensure consumers can find them simply and easily.

# SAFER ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS



#### We'll do this through:

- Media and public affairs campaigns, based on rigorous research, for regular five-yearly safety checks, to reduce 'tenure inequality'.
- Multi-stakeholder electrotechnical groups to improve installation quality, consistency, and reporting – and to grow installer numbers.
- **Engaging with government** for legislation and policy change to housing standards reporting ensuring we are prepared for future change and demand.
- Creating media campaigns raising awareness of policy asks and campaigns.
- Establishing strategies to reduce risky charging of electric vehicles.
- **Creating tools** for consumers to find qualified, competent installers simply and easily.



#### SAFER PRODUCTS





### Equal level of consumer protection

when buying online or on the High Street.



## Maintaining and improving product standards

while responding to the challenges of online shopping, the circular economy and improving or maintaining standards post EU membership.



### Safe and sustainable products

addressing new products and manufacturing processes, and the introduction of 'right to repair'.



### Empowering consumers

with tools and advice to reduce electrical risk.

#### SAFER PRODUCTS



#### We'll do this through:

- Consumer and public affairs campaigns to press for the regulation of online marketplaces.
- Further development and promotion of our consumer tools and technologies.
- Collaboration and investigations to improve product registration and recall response rates.
- Working with multi-stakeholder electrotechnical groups and committees on product standards, to ensure safety and sustainability.



### OUR PEOPLE





Proactive & reactive media coverage

Social media, website & email marketing

Consumer & industry campaigns

Events. conferences & seminars

Communications

Government relations

Policy development Political campaigns & advocacy

Research & data analytics

**Public Affairs** 

Product testing, investigations and technical reports

Ensure charity

sound financial

operates on a

footing

Installation safety best practice support & industry collaboration

Ensure charity is

well-governed

ESF represented on committees developing standards

Raising awareness via media and events

**Technical** 

Ensure organisational processes run smoothly

People Strategy

Finance,

Admin, HR



## Thank you

Electrical Safety First is the UK charity dedicated to reducing fires, deaths, and injuries caused by electricity.

Recognised as the leading technical authority on home electrical safety, we campaign on behalf of consumers and work with policy makers and stakeholders to improve electrical safety regulation and reduce electrical risk.

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