

Power Suspension Arrangement for 5-yearly Inspections of **Electrical Installations in Buildings**

In engaging registered electrical contractors to carry out 5-yearly inspection for the main switchboard in a building, building owners, incorporated owners or property management companies should require the contractors to apply for temporary disconnection of electricity supply with the power company before carrying out the inspection. This is to ensure the safety of the electrical workers concerned and avoid disruption of power supply to the building in case of an electrical accident. Since the temporary disconnection of electricity supply may cause inconvenience to tenants, building owners, incorporated owners or property management companies should, when arranging the 5-yearly inspection, work closely with the contractor to come up with a power suspension arrangement and provisional measures that suit the operational needs of the building, so as to minimise the impact of inspection and testing on building users.

Furthermore, in submitting the periodic test certificate (WR2) of the main switchboard for endorsement on or after 1 December 2011, the power company's receipt for temporary disconnection of electricity supply should also be submitted for EMSD's vetting. For enquiries please contact EMSD at 1823.