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## Overview

This Standard is about carrying out inspections of premises to make sure they comply with current water fittings regulations. Premises can be domestic or non-domestic which could include commercial or agricultural premises. Inspections could be of contractors' work for audit purposes.

This includes agreeing inspection details with the people involved, carrying out inspections to determine compliance with regulations and recording and reporting on inspection information.

This Standard is for water fitting regulations and byelaws inspectors.

## Performance criteria

### *You must be able to:* **Agree inspection details**

1. confirm the need for proposed inspections in line with organisational procedures
2. confirm inspection details, special needs requirements, access requirements and any agreed security measures and procedures with those involved
3. identify equipment which may be required to address safety issues and to carry out inspections in a safe manner
4. follow organisational guidelines to ensure your personal security when lone working
5. confirm the time, date, expected duration of the inspection and those who will be attending the inspection with those involved

### **Determine compliance with regulations**

6. communicate with customers in line with organisational procedures
7. make accurate observations to confirm the accuracy of information about premises and systems, noting any amendments to be made
8. use appropriate personal protective and access equipment when gaining access to systems
9. terminate inspections when hazards encountered and risk assessments indicate unacceptable risk to yourself or others, informing relevant people of the details
10. carry out inspections in a safe manner with minimum disruption or damage to premises
11. deal with any damage caused to premises in line with organisational procedures
12. use accurate information to identify installations that contravene regulations
13. take immediate relevant action when contravention of regulations constitutes a serious risk
14. propose solutions and actions which can be undertaken to ensure compliance
15. identify any planned work activities which may impinge on future compliance

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**Record and report inspection information**

16. record the details of inspections in line with organizational procedures, including any implications for future inspections
17. provide required formal notification to relevant people when non-compliance with regulations is identified
18. agree a timescale for re-inspection with relevant people when contravention of regulations is identified
19. check that relevant people understand the implications of identified contravention of regulations
20. provide complete and accurate inspection information to relevant people according to organisational and regulatory requirements.

## Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:* **Agree inspection details**

1. the regulatory requirements and audit requirements for inspections and the references made to other regulations and standards in the regulations
2. the importance of making sure inspections are necessary
3. the implications of an inspection for those being inspected
4. statutory provisions for powers of entry
5. the types of safety issues posed by inspections and their implications
6. details of inspections including date, time, persons, identified non-compliance and legal procedure and who requires them
7. recording requirements for inspections

### **Determine compliance with regulations**

8. organisational procedures for gaining access and carrying out inspections
9. communication skills
10. techniques to manage conflict
11. sources of information about premises and systems to be checked, including written information, oral information, sketches and photographs, and the importance of doing this
12. how to interpret design installation diagrams
13. regulatory requirements for systems and how to apply them to different plumbing systems
14. the risks associated with different systems, their complexities, the apparatus used, and the way different systems interact with each other
15. how to carry out a risk assessment – the hazards associated with inspections and what would constitute an unacceptable or serious risk and organisational procedures for the action to take
16. who to inform if an inspection is terminated
17. use of personal protective equipment
18. safe working practices for inspections and the types of access equipment you may require
19. guidelines relating to personal security when lone working

20. the reasons why it may be necessary to disrupt or damage premises and the implications which may be involved
21. organisational procedures relating to damage to property
22. what would constitute a contravention of regulations for different types of plumbing systems and the specific part of regulations that they would breach
23. actions which will ensure compliance, including contamination prevention
24. methods, use of backflow devices and other fittings and the situations in which they apply

**Record and report inspection information**

25. organisational recording systems for compliance and non compliance
26. which information to update in organisational records
27. when to provide information to line managers and specialised personnel
28. organisational processes to follow for both compliance and non compliance
29. realistic timescales for reinspection and who they need to be agreed with
30. the required formal notification for compliance with regulations and how to complete it
31. category of premises according to regulatory requirements

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## Glossary

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