



# Electrical Safety Roundtable

## 2022 Round-Up

2022 has been a busy year for the Electrical Safety Roundtable (ESR), and as it draws to a close, we reflect on all we have accomplished with the help, support and commitment of our participants. As we look ahead to 2023, we do so with excitement and anticipation of what we can achieve over the next 12 months.

### Electrical Safety Roundtable Parliamentary Reception Success

On the 16th November, we jointly hosted a Parliamentary Reception with Mark Fletcher MP, in the Churchill Room in the House of Commons, to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Roundtable and to shine a spotlight on the importance of electrical safety standards.

With over 70 attendants, the Parliamentary Reception provided an opportunity for us to gather together and focus the attention of parliamentarians and industry stakeholders on enhancing the standards of electrical safety across the UK. We heard from Lord Don Foster of Bath about The Domestic Premises (Electrical Safety Certificate) Bill alongside an incredibly moving and powerful speech by prominent electrical safety campaigner Louise Adamson. With Clive Betts MP, Chair of the Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Select Committee coming by, it was fantastic to see such interest in the electrical safety agenda from politicians.

The Parliamentary Reception provided an excellent opportunity to see everyone in person, many of whom we have only met with virtually over the past 36 months.

We would not have been able to host the Parliamentary Reception without the support of our sponsors. A big thank you to you all.

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# Celebrating 10 years



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## Electrical Safety Roundtable in the Home

This year saw the sad passing of our former Chair Chris Bielby MBE in June 2022, who had stepped down from the role in 2021. At the Parliamentary Reception we paid tribute to a great leader, who had been an integral part of the ESR since its inception.

Whilst Chris Bielby left big shoes to fill, Chris Pack, who was a previous participant of the Roundtable when he worked for BEAMA, stepped up to take the role as Chair the ESR in the Home group and has led our meetings this year with great passion and determination.

This year, in partnership with TrustMark, we created and launched an online [reporting tool](#) to enable the easy and quick reporting of unsafe or non-compliant electrical work found in homes. People from across Great Britain have used the form to help fill a data gap on the quality of electrical installations in homes. The tool has received over 6,600 views to date, and we will be looking at ways to streamline the reporting process next year.

### Simon Ayers, CEO of TrustMark commented on the collaboration:

“The ongoing data collected continues to underline the need for improving the quality and standards of electrical installation work in homes across the UK, along with enhanced consumer protection.

Having a simple tool to enable homeowners, householders, and electricians alike to report unsafe electrical work means that these issues can be highlighted to help tackle key areas of skills, knowledge, and training.”



We also published bi-lingual guidance to support landlords in their understanding of The Renting Homes (Fitness for Human Habitation) (Wales) Regulations 2022.



“Commenting on the work of the ESR in the Home group this year, Chris Pack, Chair said: The Parliamentary Reception really topped off an exciting and busy year for the ESR In the Home group. Delivering 3 high quality meetings, one in person, is a success in itself, but having launched the reporting tool for unsafe electrical work and published guidance for landlords to simplify regulations- the participants should be proud of their efforts and of their commitment to enhancing electrical safety standards.”

### ESR in the Home provisional meeting dates

- 13th March 2023
- 19th July 2023
- 15th November 2023



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## Electrical Safety Roundtable in the Workplace

The Electrical Safety in the Workplace group, chaired by Paul Meenan has had a successful year. Last year we pledged to deliver brand new industry awards, to celebrate those within the industry who prioritise electrical safety.

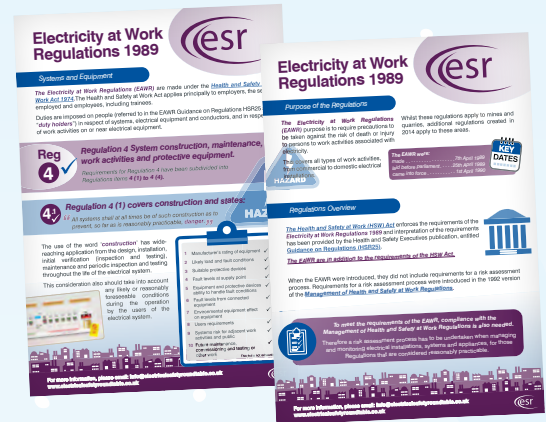
The [Above and Beyond Awards](#) (ABA), were launched in November 2022 to accomplish this goal, and provide the chance to recognize and celebrate those individuals and organisations who go above and beyond their legal obligations to enhance and improve electrical safety within the workplace. The awards close on the 13th January 2023, so please get your submissions in soon!

There are 4 categories for entry:



In addition to the awards, the Workplace group published two technical leaflets' one providing an overview of the Electricity at Work Regulations, and the other with a particular focus on systems and equipment.

With more expected to be published next year, the group is eager to enhance electrical safety standards by making regulatory requirements more accessible.



Commenting on the ABA and the Workplace group in general, Paul Meenan, Chair said:

“ As a group we wanted to provide the electrical industry with an opportunity to get their hard work recognised. Enhancing electrical safety is the ESR's key mission and these awards will provide a great chance to showcase organisations and individuals' efforts to enhance electrical safety and hopefully inspire others.

The ESR in the Workplace meetings provide a safe space for stakeholders to consider what can and should be done to improve electrical safety standards in the workplace, and I am proud to be leading such an engaged, active and passionate group. I look forward to seeing what we can achieve next year.

ESR in the Workplace provisional meeting dates

- 20th February 2023
- 19th June 2023
- 9th October 2023



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## Electrical Safety Roundtable Social Housing sub group

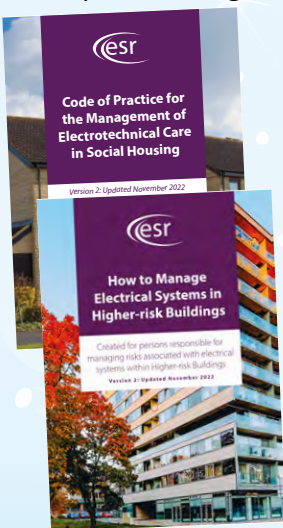
The ESR in the Home Social Housing subgroup has had a bumper year. With 46 registered participants, it has gone from strength to strength.

This year saw the publication of a Government Consultation, specifically looking at the impact of introducing mandatory electrical safety checks in the Social Housing Sector in England. With the ESR having participated in the Government working group, we had the opportunity to influence the thinking and the group met to discuss a united industry submission. Whilst we are still awaiting the Government's response to this consultation, the inclusion of electrical safety standards in the Social Housing (Regulation) Bill which is making its way through the House of Commons is promising.

In July, we submitted a united industry submission, to the DCUSA 394 Change Proposal consultation, which supported the principles of the Change Proposal which would widen the scope of DCUSA to allow any REC accredited meter operator to carry out de-energisation and re-energisation works. This was supported by the results from our survey to participants, which gathered data on the impact of the current situation regarding requesting electrical isolation for safe working. We are delighted that Ofgem accepted this proposal on the 8th December 2022.

We held our first Social Housing Question and Answer session, which allowed participants to ask the group questions and for advice. This was very well received and really demonstrates the value of the stakeholder group.

To top it off, the group updated our two fantastic guidance documents "[How to Manage Electrical Systems within Higher risk Buildings](#)" which has been shortlisted for two awards: The UK Housing Campaign of the Year Award, and the ASCP 2022 Safety & Compliance Awards in Partnership & Collaboration of the Year Award and "[The Code of Practice for the Management of Electrotechnical Systems in Social Housing](#)" which looked as good in print as they do digitally and were available for guests at our Parliamentary Reception.



### Looking ahead to 2023, Martin Simmonds, Chair of the Social Housing subgroup commented:

“ It has been a pleasure to chair this subgroup for another year. I know that participants get so much out of the stakeholder meetings, and we learn a lot from each other. I am grateful to everyone who gives up their time to make this group so successful and I am looking forward to seeing what we can achieve in 2023. ”

### ESR in the Home, Social Housing sub-group provisional meeting dates

- 17th April 2023
- 11th September 2023
- 13th December 2023



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# Looking ahead to

# 2023

**The ESR Board would like to express its gratitude to all those who have participated in the Roundtable and provided the required assistance and technical skills to support our mission to improve electrical safety in the home, workplace, and within social housing.**

With the continuing focus on net-zero and the consultations around the implementation of the Building Safety Act, as well as awaiting the Government Response to the Electrical safety in social housing: consultation and call for evidence, announcing the first winners of the Above and Beyond Awards and the impact of the introduction of The Renting Homes (Fitness for Human Habitation)(Wales) Regulations 2022 we have an exciting year ahead of us, and plenty of opportunities to engage with industry and politicians to influence and ultimately enhance the standards of electrical safety.

## Our Mission Statement

The Electrical Safety Roundtable is a collaborative industry forum, dedicated to enhancing the standards of electrical safety across the United Kingdom through the provision of innovative research and policy solutions to government and industry as well as expert, independent electrical safety guidance to industry and consumers.



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