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PAT Testing in Ireland

Electrical safety, compliance support and insurance-ready records for Irish businesses

Designed for commercial clients, landlords, facilities managers, offices, schools, hospitality businesses and property managers.

Portable Appliance Testing

Workplace Safety

Risk Management

Keep your portable electrical equipment safe, recorded and ready for review.

A clear, practical PAT testing programme helps you manage appliance safety, show due diligence and keep useful records for safety, landlord and insurance discussions.

Book PAT testing or request a quote

Why PAT Testing Matters

Portable Appliance Testing is the inspection and testing of plugs, leads, chargers and portable electrical equipment to help confirm they are safe for continued use.

1 Protect people and premises

Helps reduce risks linked to damaged appliances, unsafe cables, overheating, electric shock, fire and business disruption.

2 Support compliance records

Creates clear evidence that equipment has been inspected, tested where appropriate and recorded by a competent person.

3 Help with insurance and landlord queries

Reports and certificates may support renewal, lease, broker or claims discussions, depending on policy wording and requirements.

4 Make follow-up action easier

Pass, fail and advisory results help clients remove unsafe items, repair defects and plan future test intervals.

What a PAT Testing Programme Can Include

Formal visual inspection

Checking the appliance, plug, flexible cable, casing and signs of damage or overheating.

Electrical tests where suitable

Tests may include earth continuity, insulation resistance, polarity or leakage testing depending on equipment type.

Identification and labelling

Tested items can be labelled or referenced so they are easy to identify later.

Clear reports and certificates

A register lists items inspected, results, defects and the suggested next inspection or test interval.

Important: PAT testing is more than a sticker. A good programme combines inspection, suitable testing, defect reporting, records and client action on unsafe items.

Compliance & Insurance at a Glance

In Ireland, the approach is risk-based. Employers and duty holders should maintain electrical equipment safely, arrange competent inspection, and test/certify where appropriate.

Area	Practical meaning for clients
Safe equipment	Portable electrical equipment should be maintained in a safe condition and removed from use if defects create risk.
Risk assessment	Appliance risks should be considered as part of workplace safety management and site-specific risk assessment.
Competent persons	Specialist inspection, testing and certification should be carried out by people with suitable knowledge, experience and equipment.
Records	Reports help show what was inspected, the result, defects found, action required and recommended next intervals.

How PAT Records Can Help with Insurance Conversations

PAT testing may support insurance compliance and due diligence, but requirements are normally policy-specific. Clients should check their insurer, broker, landlord or managing agent requirements.

Public liability

Shows reasonable steps to reduce risk to visitors, tenants, contractors and members of the public.

Employers' liability

Supports evidence that workplace appliance risks are being managed for employees.

Property and fire

Shows proactive management of appliance risks that may contribute to fire or property damage.

Recommended Risk-Based Approach

Testing frequency should reflect equipment type, environment, use, likelihood of damage, previous results, manufacturer guidance, insurer requirements and site-specific risk assessment.

Office / administration

Generally lower mechanical stress, but chargers, kitchen appliances and extension leads still need management.

Hospitality / kitchens

Heat, moisture, cleaning and high-use equipment can increase deterioration risk.

Schools / education

Shared equipment, large user numbers and child safety expectations may need tighter controls.

Construction / maintenance

Harsh environments and frequent movement can increase damage risk and inspection frequency.

What Electrical Inspections.ie Provides

A practical on-site PAT testing service designed to give clients clear records, usable reports and straightforward recommendations.

Service Scope

- On-site inspection and testing of portable electrical equipment.
- Appliance identification for asset registers.
- Visual checks of plugs, cables, flexes, casings and signs of damage.
- Electrical tests appropriate to appliance class and type.
- Pass/fail recording and clear defect reporting.
- Labelling of tested items where appropriate.
- Client report for safety, facilities and insurance records.
- Recommendations on suitable risk-based intervals.

Practical Client Checklist

- ✓ Keep an up-to-date inventory of portable electrical equipment.
- ✓ Make visual checks part of staff routines.
- ✓ Arrange competent inspection and testing at risk-based intervals.
- ✓ Keep reports and certificates with safety and insurance files.
- ✓ Act promptly on failed or damaged appliances.
- ✓ Review insurer, broker, landlord and lease requirements before renewals or audits.
- ✓ Review intervals when equipment, premises, use or risk changes.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is PAT testing required by law?

The requirement is risk-based: equipment must be maintained safely and inspected or tested where appropriate.

Do insurers require PAT testing?

Some insurers, brokers, landlords or managing agents may ask for evidence. Always check the exact wording.

Does it replace fixed wire testing?

No. PAT testing covers portable appliances and associated leads/plugs. Fixed installation testing is separate.

Ready to arrange PAT testing?

Contact Electrical Inspections.ie to book a site visit, discuss your premises or request a quotation.

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