

Suggested Testing Frequencies



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The table below provides examples of portable appliance testing and suggested frequency, and is based on the HSE guidance.

Type of Equipment	Environment	Suggested Frequency	Examples of Portable Appliances
IT Equipment (e.g. PCs, monitors)	Low-risk (e.g. offices)	Every 2–4 years	Computers, monitors, printers, desk lamps
Kitchen Appliances	Medium-risk (e.g. hotels)	Every 12–24 months	Kettles, microwaves, toasters, coffee machines
Power Tools	High-risk (e.g. sites)	Every 3–6 months	Drills, grinders, saws, heat guns
Extension Leads	All environments	Every 6–12 months	Multi-socket leads, cable reels
Marine Equipment	Ship and boat yards	Every 6–12 months	Bilge pumps, portable lighting, handheld radios
Industrial Equipment	Warehouses	Every 6–12 months	Barcode scanners, handheld vacuums, portable heaters
Manufacturing Tools	Factories	Every 6–12 months	Soldering irons, portable fans, inspection lamps