

## Emergency Lighting saves lives

The recent release of the 1,700-page Grenfell Inquiry report has revealed widespread systemic failures in both government oversight and the construction industry. Among the key areas of concern, emergency lighting has emerged as a critical factor in ensuring building safety, particularly in a fire.

Emergency lighting is specifically designed to activate automatically during a power failure, playing a vital role in enabling safe evacuation routes. While these systems are subject to rigorous standards, such as the UK's BS 5266—covering design, installation, and maintenance—there remains a pressing need to continually evolve these standards and enhance fire safety measures across all building types.

The Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2022 places the responsibility of compliance squarely on the "responsible person" within each establishment. This includes ensuring that emergency lighting systems are regularly tested, maintained, and meet the necessary safety benchmarks.



As electrical contractors, we must advocate for heightened awareness and adherence to these critical regulations. By doing so, we not only improve building safety but also contribute to a safer future for everyone who lives and works within these structures. Emergency lighting should never be an afterthought—it's a life-saving feature that demands our ongoing attention and commitment.

## Kent Electrical going the extra mile

In our recent project in the Netherlands, we had the pleasure of working for a prominent social media platform company to deliver a specialised cabling solution. The client's requirements were precise: all cabling had to be meticulously installed within plasterboard walls and encased in metal conduit. This specific installation technique, while common in some regions, is notably uncommon in the Netherlands, presenting us with a unique set of challenges—particularly in sourcing the necessary materials locally.





Understanding the importance of adhering to the client's specifications and the constraints of the local market. Our plan involved renting a van in the UK, where the required materials were readily available, and loading it with all the essential components and equipment. This logistical undertaking was no small feat, requiring careful planning and coordination to ensure that every detail was accounted for.

With our van packed and ready, our team embarked on the journey to Holland. Upon arrival, our workforce, equipped with the necessary expertise and manpower, set to work immediately. Their goal was clear: to complete the installation by Friday, aligning with the client's timeline and ensuring that the walls could be closed up on schedule.

The success in this venture is a testament to our team's ingenuity and hard work.

## From Work Experience to Achieving the Gold Card: Jak's Journey



Jak embarked on his journey with KES in 2019, shortly after completing his schooling. During his time in year 10, he joined us for our work experience program. This initial exposure to the electrical trade sparked an interest and laid a solid foundation for his future career.

Fast forward to today, and Jak has achieved a significant milestone as the first-ever KES apprentice to successfully complete his apprenticeship and earn the prestigious gold card. This accomplishment is a testament to his dedication, hard work, and the invaluable experience he gained during his training with us. While Jak, like all professionals in the industry, continues to have much to learn, but we are immensely proud of the electrician Jak has become here at KES. His journey is a shining example of what can be achieved through perseverance and commitment. As we look to the future, we are excited to support Jak in further advancing his career by preparing him for the 2391 Inspection and Testing qualification. His achievements underscore the importance of hands-on experience and continuous learning, and we are thrilled to be a part of his journey.