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TESTING & TAGGING

So what needs to be inspected, tested and tagged, and how often?

ALL portable electrical equipment and RCD's used in a workplace must be regularly inspected and tested in accordance with the OSH or MSI regulations, as appropriate.

The frequency of inspection and testing varies for different work situations.

Generally speaking though, equipment used on construction and mine sites should be tested quarterly. Factories/workshops and commercial cleaning equipment should be tested twice a year. Other situations like offices, hotels, etc should be tested every 1 to 5 years, depending on the situation. To check some this information for yourself, go to www.worksafe.wa.gov.au and look for 'Guide to testing & tagging portable electrical equipment and residual current devices at workplaces'.

In-Service Safety Inspection & Testing of Electrical Appliances.

The inspection and testing of equipment is covered by the Australian/New Zealand Standards 3760:2003 In-service safety inspection and testing of electrical equipment.

Inspection and tests.

The AS/NZS 3760:2003 has four distinct parts to its inspection and testing procedure:

- 1. A visual inspection of the equipment and its flexible cord.
- An electrical test of the equipment.
- 3. A tagging procedure.
- 4. The documentation.

The need for in-service testing.

In-service testing is necessary for the safety of persons using the equipment and for the proper discharge of obligations of employers and employees, as listed in legislation covering occupational health and safety matters. (Foreword in AS/NZS 3012:2003).

So don't take a risk. Give us a call at Test And Go and we'll provide a free, no obligation quotation to keep your workplace compliant with AS/NZS 3760:2003

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