

A tenant's guide to Consumer Units - Eaton MEM

Residual Current Devices (RCDs) and Residual Current Operating Breakers (RCBOs) should be tested every 6 months.

RCD's and RCBO's are both tested by pressing the 'test' button on the front of the device and then releasing it. The button will only test the RCD/RCBO if an electrical supply is connected. Pressing the test button will simulate an earth leakage fault and indicates whether the device is operating correctly by the lever on the device moving downwards and isolating the circuits it is protecting.

The RCD is reset by pushing the lever fully downwards first to reset, and then back up to restore the power. RCBO's are reset by pushing the lever straight back up again. If the device doesn't operate correctly, please contact Ashfield District Council's Repairs team.



Pressing the test button on RCD



RCD with lever in the tripped position



Pushing lever down to reset



Pushing lever back up to restore power

If something trips on the Consumer Unit

If power is lost to a single or group of electrical circuits, it is possible that an RCD or circuit breaker has tripped, and power can be restored by resetting the device as shown above.

IMPORTANT SAFETY ADVICE! – Before resetting an RCD, be careful to check that there isn't a fault still live in the electrical installation, such as a faulty appliance, a nail through a cable, or water in the installation. Think about what could have happened to trip the device, and ensure the issue is rectified before resetting. Please contact Ashfield District Council for assistance if required.