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## INFORMATION NOTE

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When it takes effect: Immediately

When it is due to expire: Until Rescinded

Health and Safety

### Equality And Diversity Impact Assessment

This policy has been Equality and Diversity Impact Assessed in accordance with the Department's Equality and Diversity Impact Assessment Tool against:

#### **Part 1 Assessment Only (no diversity impact found)**

1. Document Aim: To advise that the Electricity Safety Council have produced a guidance document for installers on the appropriate selection and installation of downlighters in domestic premises, and on how to prevent them from becoming a fire hazard.
2. Background: Downlighters pose significant fire risks if not installed correctly. Although the Electricity Safety Council document is aimed at the domestic environment common-sense dictates that the safety principles contained therein can equally be extended to commercial and industrial situations.
3. Action required: Any individual involved in the design, specification, installation or maintenance of lighting products in general, and downlighters in particular, is to read, understand and comply with this guidance as necessary.
4. Reference: The relevant Electricity Safety Council's document can be found via following link:

<http://www.esc.org.uk/industry/industry-guidance/other-downloads/downlighters-and-fire-safety/>