EAWR 1989, BS 7671 AND THE ON-SITE GUIDE

WHICH REGULATIONS CAN YOU ACTUALLY BE PROSECUTED UNDER?

EAWR 1989	The **Electricity at Work Regulations 1989** came into force on **1 April 1990**. They're a **statutory instrument**, so you can be prosecuted for breaking them. You mainly need **Regulations 1–16**, plus **Regulation 29** (the defence). Get the free **HSE guide HSR25** (search "HSR25").
BS 7671	The IET Wiring Regulations (the big orange book). **Not** a statutory instrument. Its fundamental principles cover protection for safety, design, selection of equipment, and erection, verification and inspection and testing.
On-Site Guide	A user-friendly, toolbox-sized handy reference from the IET. It's the book you'll carry every day. The big BS 7671 comes out when you're unsure.
ESQCR	The Electricity Safety, Quality and Continuity Regulations: the law the **DNO** (distribution network operator) follows for supplies and earthing.

BS 7671 Part 2 is the definitions section. In the exam, a definition sometimes sends you somewhere else. "Trunking" says *see cable trunking*, and "low voltage" is found under **voltage**. Practise using the book.

BS 7671 · Part 2 Definitions · **pp.33–50**

BS 7671 · "Voltage": low voltage and extra-low voltage defined here · **p.50**

Which book goes into which exam

For the **Building Regs exam**, take only the **Electrician's Guide to the Building Regulations**. Any other book is taken off you. Highlighting, underlining and tabs are allowed, writing isn't. Most exams are expected to be multiple choice.

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