KITCHENS AND ACCESSORY HEIGHTS

KITCHEN SOCKETS AND IMMERSION HEATERS. WHAT ARE THE RULES?

- Keep sockets **at least 300 mm** (edge to edge, horizontally) from a **sink**.
- The **cooker switch** (or cooker switch with socket) goes to the **side** of the **hob**, never above it, so it can be reached without leaning over the heat.
- **Appliance sockets** under the worktop (fridge, washing machine, dishwasher) are often **unswitched** and controlled by a **switched FCU above the worktop**, so they can be isolated without pulling out the appliance.
- Read the **notes under figures**. Exam questions often come from them.
- **Approved Document M** heights are 450–1200 mm above finished floor level. These are the minimum and maximum, for accessibility.

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