PERIODIC INSPECTION: BEFORE YOU TOUCH ANYTHING

WHO DECIDES WHAT YOU DON'T INSPECT?

The walk-round. Meet whoever ordered the report and agree what it covers. Here: a change of occupancy, a domestic property, wiring judged five-plus years old, no previous records.

	WHO SETS IT	EXAMPLE
Extent	Agreed with the client	All fixed wiring — or one block of a school, if the rest was certified three years ago
Limitations	The client places them on you	A locked room; circuits that can't be switched off
Operational limitations	You find them on site	Suspected asbestos round a ceiling light: you don't take it down, and you say so

All three go in the **extent and limitations**, with who they were agreed with. You're not expected to be an asbestos expert, or to take a sample. If you suspect it, leave it and record why.

Supply characteristics come from looking: the marking on the supplier's fuse (BS 1361 Type II, 100 A here), the earthing arrangement, the earthing and bonding conductor sizes. Read what's marked. You don't pull the supplier's fuse to check.

> **Wiring age at a glance.**
> Red and black means before the harmonised colours — they arrived in 2004 and became mandatory in 2006. It's your judgement; it doesn't have to be exact.

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