

CBHA handy hints

Turning off the electricity and resetting the trip switch

The fuse box (also known as the electricity consumer unit) will usually be found near to the electricity meter or where the electricity comes into your home.

There will be a main on/off switch for the electricity in the box which is also the main circuit breaker. This means it will automatically switch off if the system detects a fault. You can also turn it off yourself if you need to in an emergency.

There will also be a row of smaller switches (rather than the older style fuses) called mini circuit breakers (MCBs). These will control the different circuits in your home. You will have different circuits for your electrical sockets and your lighting.

These will automatically switch off (trip) if there is an overload on a particular circuit. A light bulb blowing or a faulty electrical appliance such as a toaster can cause an MCB to trip.

If the electrics go off you should:

- Unplug your appliances
- Open the cover of the fuse box
- Reset the MCS or mains by pushing up the relevant trip switch.
- Plug the appliances back in one at a time. If an appliance is faulty, the MCB will trip again.

