

Reporting non-conforming installations

If you see something that doesn't look right, report it, is a common theme now on public transport, but what about when we see things on construction projects?

Refurbishment often involves opening up previously installed walls and ceilings as part of the required works where non-conforming installations may become apparent.

Contractors have a duty of care to report instances of non-conformity to the person responsible for the project. For example, there might be a discovery when opening a ceiling about the hangers the fixings or transition trims, or concerns about the service penetrations in the Fire wall, which could lead to failure.

Non conformity issues may impact the quality of the work being undertaken and leave liability issues that sit unnoticed and could come back under the defective premises act which in some instances is retrospective for between 16 and 30 years, and might be considered negligent in the case of a failure that this wasn't reported when discovered.

If there is any doubt report it; as they say on the underground; See it, Say it, Sorted.

The <u>FIS Advisory Service</u> provides independent condition reports following a site visit to establish if the installation is in accordance with the manufacturers/ System owners details and the design requirements.