



Implementing Decent Homes Improvement Standards

ABC Building & Maintenance Contractors Ltd (ABC) have extensive experience of working with Local Authorities and Housing Associations, whose requirements are for quality work delivered on time and to budget.

A recent Government initiative, the Decent Homes Standard, is intended to achieve upgrades to social housing stock, ensuring that it meets acceptable standards for warmth, weatherproofing and modern facilities.

Over the last 2 years ABC has been working with Shepherds Bush Housing Group (SBHG) to implement this standard, replacing kitchens and bathrooms, installing heating systems and carrying out refurbishment and remedial work.

This is an example of a kitchen replacement that meets the Decent Homes Standard.

Project brief

The brief entailed:

- Removal of existing wall and floor finishes
- Strip out existing electrical wiring
- Full rewire to 17th edition Decent Homes standards
- Create plan of new kitchen layout for resident approval
- Install chosen kitchen, and work tops, flooring, tiling and decorations
- Install cooker, dishwasher and washing machine

Before the work was carried out



Whilst the work was being completed

The work was straightforward but as the tenant was living in the property during the renovations it was essential to ensure that the kitchen remained functional throughout the job and the site was kept as clean and tidy as possible.

A sink with running water, some storage space and electrics were required on a daily basis. This was challenging whilst works were in progress, especially as the entire kitchen was rewired.

A satisfactory conclusion and happy customer

The work was completed on time and within budget with as little disruption to the tenants as possible, who were delighted with the outcome as demonstrated by the feedback below.

The client (SBHG) was pleased with the quality and delivery and has given more business to ABC as a result.



Tenant feedback

"I just wanted to write to express how much we appreciated the extraordinary work ABC Building & Maintenance Contractors Ltd has done in my kitchen. The kitchen was in a very poor condition, from floor to the ceiling, and we had worries that this would invariably affect the final result; we are delighted with the kitchen now. We were very pleased with the way the workmen arrived on time, each morning, and when delayed called to tell us they had been held up. This was very important to us, as my husband is unwell, and a full time wheelchair user, it really helped us plan our day without waiting in, or feeling mucked around.

Once in the house, the lads worked hard to complete the kitchen as we wanted, in a clean and professional manner. They were friendly and highly skilled. They really seemed to care about the final result. I can't believe they only took a week from start to finish, having gutted the kitchen.

The result's wonderful, and it looks fantastic. It's now a room we really enjoy being in, and we're so grateful. Please pop by for a coffee and have a look, we're so happy with it. Thank you."

Helen Cox, Shepherds Bush, London

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