



EXPENSIVE ELECTRICITY RECONNECTIONS

Should your electricity payments not be up to date and the service is disconnected, you may be faced with mayor problems and some expense.

For properties which were built within the last twenty years the reconnection whether or not the meter has been removed is minimal.

The difficulties arise with properties constructed earlier. The electricity company will insist on a (boletin) report from a registered electrician. Costs will depend on the size of the property and the condition of your wiring circuit. This should comply with today's safety standards and regulations.

You will also be asked for your title deeds and the license of first occupation. The latter is very difficult to obtain as some of the homes implicated were built without this final certificate.

Records may be found in local town halls but for example in the Estepona area for any property built before 1999, this data is not on their computers database. Be prepared to sift through hundreds of hand written archives.

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This is where a needle in a haystack comes to mind. The civil servants will understandably not carry out this process for you.

Always use an independent reputable and registered electrician. He must also have the capacity to sign the boletin. They do not all have this.

Check the quote you are given with other electricians. Make sure the electrician gives you a complete breakdown of costs before the work is carried out. This should include the reconnection which is usually added to the subsequent bill.

And finally: Just because a company is a state company, do not automatically trust what you are told. Check the facts. Go to your local town hall office for foreigners for advice if you have one in your area.

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