

## SparkSafe Licence To Practice

“Time to face the problem”

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# SparkSafe

## Licence To Practice



- Almost anyone can practice as an electrician in Northern Ireland.
- Unqualified and unskilled workers enter the supply chain.

## The problem..

- PQQ's - Focus on the Contractor
- Lack of focus on those performing the work
- Electrical worker competencies are not clearly determined
- Subcontractors not obliged to demonstrate worker competencies

## The has led to ...

- “Race to the bottom” business trading conditions.
- Rogue traders enter and remain in the supply chain
- Decline in pay and conditions for qualified electricians

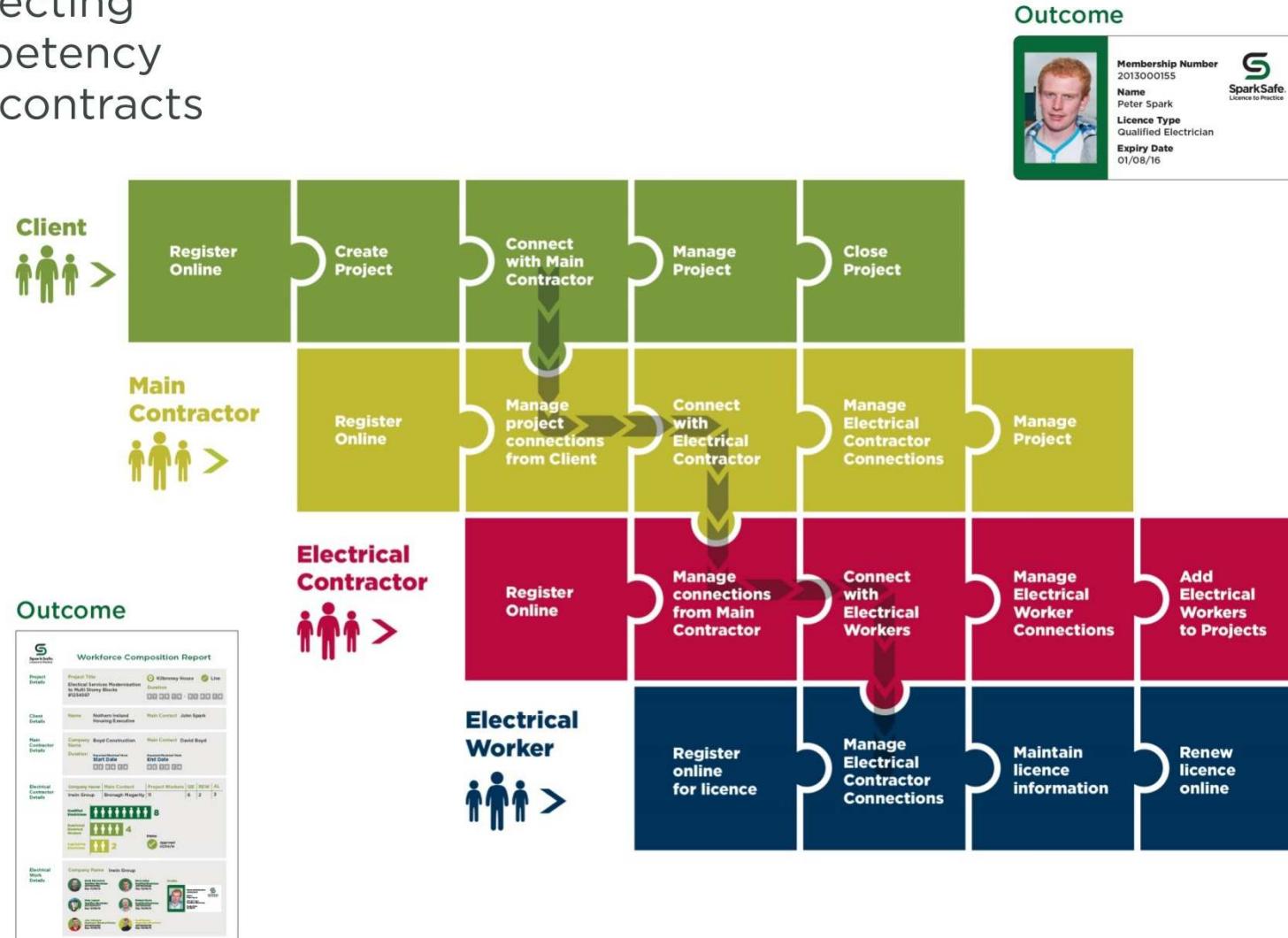
## Resulting in

- Decline in safety standards
- Poor value for money and decay workmanship
- Displacement of qualified/skilled workers
- Drop in apprenticeship training

## What it is?

- A unique online system that provides visibility of individual worker identity and workforce composition
- Three licence types have been established
- Electrical worker competency is validated & connected via the SS LtP system and embedded into contract terms and conditions

## connecting competency with contracts





public sector requirement

transparent

online – visible 24/7

simplicity

transferable



## Workforce Composition Report

### Project Details

**Project Title**  
Electrical Services Modernisation  
to Multi Storey Blocks  
#1234567

 Kilbroney House  Live

### Duration

3 1 0 3 1 4 - 3 1 0 9 1 4

### Client Details

**Name** Northern Ireland  
Housing Executive

**Main Contact** John Spark

### Main Contractor Details

**Company Name** Boyd Construction

**Main Contact** David Boyd

**Duration**  
Expected Electrical Work  
Start Date

Expected Electrical Work  
End Date

0 2 0 4 1 4

0 2 1 0 1 4

### Electrical Contractor Details

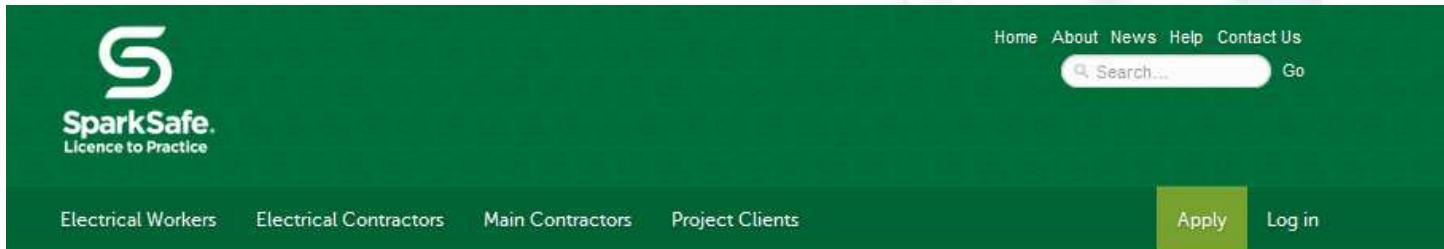
Company Name	Main Contact	Project Workers	QE	REW	AL
Irwin Group	Bronagh Megarity	14	8	4	2
<b>Qualified Electricians</b>					<b>8</b>
<b>Restricted Electrical Workers</b>					<b>4</b>
<b>Apprentice Electricians</b>					<b>2</b>
<b>Status</b>					 Approved 02/04/14

### Electrical Work Details

Company Name		Irwin Group		Profile
	<b>David McCormick</b> Qualified Electrician #2013000155 Exp: 01/08/16		<b>Steve Cairns</b> Qualified Electrician #2013000945 Exp: 01/08/16	Membership Number 2013000155  Name Peter Spark Licence Type Qualified Electrician Expiry Date 01/08/16
	<b>Peter Lennon</b> Qualified Electrician #2013000077 Exp: 01/08/16		<b>Michael Moore</b> Qualified Electrician #2013000412 Exp: 01/08/16	
	<b>John McKenzie</b> Restricted Electrical Worker #2013000356 Exp: 01/08/16		<b>Geoff Bannar</b> Apprentice Electrician #2013000085 Exp: 01/08/16	

## Benefits

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- Sets the competent person apart from the unqualified person
  - Elevates the trade
  - Improves safety
  - Encourages upskilling and training
  - Compliance with CDM regulations
  - Removes unqualified and unskilled workers
  - Improves quality and standards
  - Rebuilds the reputation of the local sector



The screenshot shows the SparkSafe website homepage. At the top left is the SparkSafe logo (a stylized 'S') and the text "SparkSafe. Licence to Practice". At the top right are links for "Home", "About", "News", "Help", "Contact Us", a search bar with placeholder "Search...", and a "Go" button. Below the header is a navigation menu with four items: "Electrical Workers", "Electrical Contractors", "Main Contractors", and "Project Clients". To the right of these are two buttons: a green "Apply" button and a blue "Log in" button.

# SparkSafe® Licence to Practice

SparkSafe is a Licence to Practice system for electrical workers, operated for the benefit of the construction industry and its customers.

[Find out more](#)



The screenshot shows a section titled "Find a SparkSafe Licensed Electrical Worker" with a magnifying glass icon. Below it are three circular icons with text and "Apply" buttons:

-  Good for Electrical Workers [Apply](#)
-  Good for Electrical Contractors [Apply](#)
-  Good for Main Contractors [Apply](#)

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