

The location and detailing of switches and controls should take into account the ease of operation, height, and distance from corners, visibility and unobstructed access.

- The heights of various kinds of switches, controls and sockets can be found in Figure 43.
- The operation of switches, sockets and controls should not require the simultaneous use of both hands. Large switch pads are particularly helpful for people with some disabilities.
- Flushed or recessed controls should be avoided as they are not accessible to people with restricted or limited dexterity.
- Colour and tonal contrasts should be used to ensure controls are distinguishable from their backgrounds.
- Switched socket outlets, mains and circuit isolator switches should clearly indicate whether they are 'on' or 'off'. If red and green is used as an indicator, they should be supplemented with text or pictograms (for people who are colour blind).
- Tactile switches and controls are particularly helpful; however, they should be embossed rather than engraved.

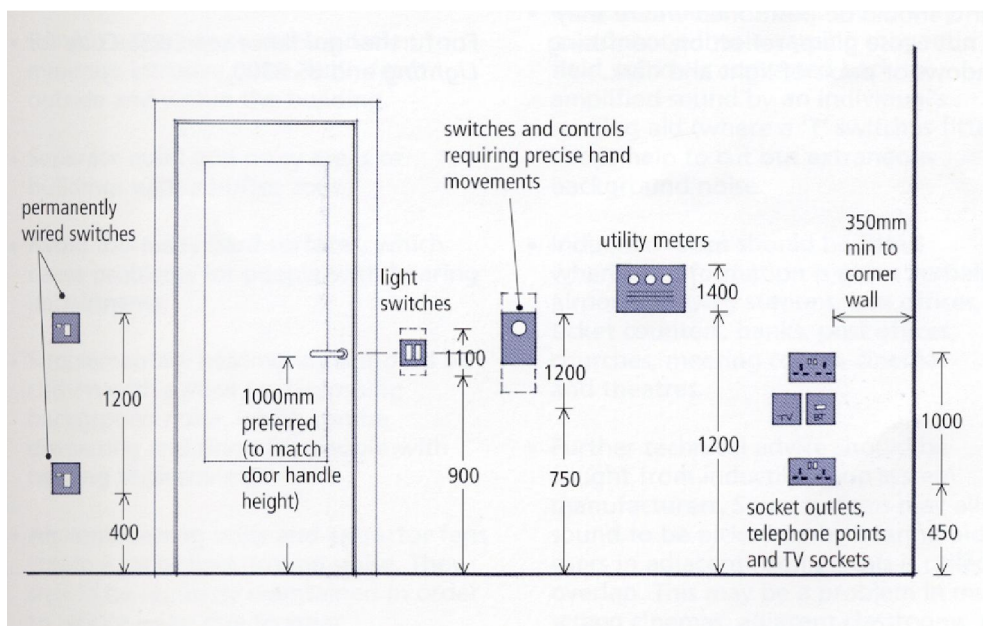


Figure 43
Height of switches and controls