

**Think about**  
**Practical skills assessment**  
**Level 3 ST0189 Fire, Emergency**  
**and Security Systems Technician**  
**AP02 – Option - Security**



**On the day of assessment, you will carry out:**



**A 2-day practical skills test consisting of 3 practical tasks across CCTV, intruder and access control systems**



**Face-to-face at an assessment centre**



**In a simulated environment**



**With an end-point assessor**



## Key point

You will be given tasks that you must demonstrate in a simulated environment. Unsatisfactory performance in either of the following two safety-critical areas will result in a mandatory fail and the termination of the assessment:

- isolation of mains electricity when undertaking any activity - it is best practice to ask permission or verbalise that the supply is being turned off
- the identification of, and working with, a viable loop circuit



## Do

- ☐ Review the criteria associated with the practical skills test – this can be found in the EPA kit
- ☐ Review relevant legislation, regulations and your organisation's policies and procedures and safe working practices
- ☐ Use the planner to record key points to remember in order to meet the required criteria associated with the practical skills test
- ☐ Ensure you demonstrate the two safety critical areas

-  Ensure you are confident across all three systems; CCTV, intruder and access control
-  Carry out a mock assessment of a takeover and installation with your employer or training provider



## Don't

-  Forget to bring your ID
-  Bring any of your own tools or equipment – everything you need will be supplied for you



## Next steps

- Results can take up to 12 working days to be confirmed
- Your manager/training provider will inform you of the results



## Resits

- If you do not achieve a pass result on the practical skills test you can reattempt the assessment



## Key point

If you fail in either of the safety-critical areas, you will need to have a performance review before you go through gateway for one further attempt at the end-point assessment.



Use the table below to plan and prepare  
for the practical skills test

| Standard area -<br>Core            | Key points to remember |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Working safely                     |                        |
| Core systems<br>techniques         |                        |
| System<br>technologies             |                        |
| Supervisory                        |                        |
| Standard Area –<br>Option Security |                        |