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Electrical Safety Checklist



Use the following checklist as a guide to help keep your family safe from electrical dangers at home.

Learn more about actions you can take to keep your family safe in and around your home in Home Safety Council's Safety Guide including:

- Fire Prevention
- Water Safety



- ___ Are electrical appliances, cords and fixtures in your home listed by an independent testing laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL)?
- ___ Are wet areas in your home, such as the kitchen and bathrooms, protected by ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs)?
- ___ Do you push the test button on your GFCIs monthly to determine that they are operating properly?
- ___ Do you use the safe light bulb wattage for each light fixture?
- ___ Do you keep electrical cords out of traffic areas?
- ___ Are all cords in good condition and not knotted or coiled or pinched under furniture or rugs?
- ___ Are you careful not to leave faceplates off of outlets or switches?
- ___ Are all electrically-powered appliances and equipment dry and kept away from places where water is used?
- ___ Are portable space heaters used away from combustibles such as curtains or stacks of newspapers?
- ___ Are counter top electrical appliances located away from the sink, and their cords away from hot surfaces?
- ___ Do you remember to unplug all counter top appliances when not in use?
- ___ Are the range top and the areas above it free from things that can burn, including towels, potholders, and plastic utensils?
- ___ Are small electrical appliances such as hair dryers, curling irons, and razors kept away from water and unplugged and stored when not in use?
- ___ Are electric blankets in good working order and unplugged when not in use?
- ___ If fuses are used, are they the correct size for the circuits they protect?



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- ___ Are all power tools equipped with 3-prong plugs or marked to indicate that they are double insulated?
- ___ Do outdoor outlets have waterproof covers that close automatically?
- ___ Are extension cords used outside specifically marked for such outdoor use?
- ___ Are you careful not to run power cords across floors where they can be tripped over?
- ___ Are you careful not to overload electrical outlets, extension cords and power strips?