



# Checklist

## Electrical Safety in Your Home

Electrical appliances provide convenience and enjoyment for the entire family. However, items such as lamps, televisions and electrical outlets can also pose serious injury risks. To reduce the potential for danger, walk through your home and identify all the items that use electricity. After you've done that, use the following recommendations as precautions to reduce the risk of shock and burn injuries.

### In All Rooms

#### Lights

YES NO N/A

Each light in every room (including lamps and ceiling fixtures) has a bulb with appropriate wattage for the fixture.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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#### Portable Electric Heating

YES NO N/A

Portable electric heater is placed at least 3 feet from combustibles, such as drapes and newspapers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Portable electric heater is stable and placed where it will not tip over.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Portable electric heater is in good working order (no odd smells, sparks or smoke when operating).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### Three-prong Adapters

YES NO N/A

Properly grounded three-prong adapters are used to attach power cords with three-prong plugs to older two-prong outlets.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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#### Electrical Cords and Entertainment Equipment

YES NO N/A

Cords are free of frays, cracks or any other damage.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cords are placed where they will not be stepped on.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Furniture or rugs are not resting on electrical cords.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cords are not tightly wrapped around any objects.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cords are not attached to anything (walls, baseboard) with nails or wire staples.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All extension cords are equipped with safety covers on the unused outlets.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
None of the extension cords are carrying more than their proper loads according to the electrical rating on the appliances and extension cords.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No extension cords are being used on a permanent basis.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All of the entertainment equipment is placed so that air can freely circulate around it.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All of the entertainment equipment is in a dry location, free of any source of water, including rain, leaks and spills.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Electrical Outlets and Switches**

YES NO N/A

If children are present, all unused outlets have safety covers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All outlets and switches are working properly.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All outlets and switches are cool to the touch.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All electrical plugs fit snugly into all outlets.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All outlets have faceplates covering all wiring.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) Protected Outlets**

YES NO N/A

All GFCI outlets are tested regularly.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GFCI outlets are installed in the kitchen.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GFCI outlets are installed in the unfinished basement.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GFCI outlets are installed in the garage.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GFCI outlets are installed around the laundry/utility tub or wet bar sink.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**In the Kitchen****Countertop and Large Appliances**

YES NO N/A

All countertop appliances are unplugged when not in use.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All appliance cords are placed so they will not come into contact with a hot surface (such as the oven, range burner or toaster).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All appliances are located away from the sink.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The top of and area above the cooking range is free of combustibles (pot holders, paper, plastic utensils).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**In All Bathrooms****Small Electrical Appliances (hair dryers, curling irons, electric razors)**

YES NO N/A

All appliances are unplugged when not in use.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All appliances are in good working condition and are working without signs of damaged wiring or parts.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**In All Bedrooms****Electric Blankets**

YES NO N/A

All electric blankets are in good condition.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The electric blanket is not covered by anything when in use.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The electric blanket is always laid out flat.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If tucked in, the heat producing wires are <b>not</b> bent around the corners.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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## In Basement, Garage and Workshops

<b>Fuse Box</b>	YES	NO	N/A
All fuses are the correct size for the circuit.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Circuit Breaker Box</b>	YES	NO	N/A
Circuit breakers are periodically turned on and off.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If installed, GFCI breakers are tested periodically.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If installed, arc fault circuit interrupters are tested periodically.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Electric Power Tools</b>	YES	NO	N/A
All cord-connected power tools are equipped with 3-prong plugs or marked to indicate they are double insulated.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Outdoors

<b>Electrical Outlets</b>	YES	NO	N/A
Each outlet has its own waterproof cover.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All outlets are protected by a GFCI.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Electric Garden Tools</b>	YES	NO	N/A
All power cords are in good condition (no cracks or exposed wires).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tools are in good condition and operating properly.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Corded electric power tools are only used in dry areas, not around ponds or other wet or damp areas.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Extension Cords Used Outdoors</b>	YES	NO	N/A
All extension cords are marked specifically for outdoor use.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Three-prong extension cords are available and being used with grounded plugs on outdoor products.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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