

Home Electrical Safety: The 10-Point Checklist From

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Is your home protecting you, or is it a hidden hazard? Use this checklist to find out.

1. The "Wet Zone" Test (GFCIs)

- Do all outlets in my kitchen, bathrooms, garage, and outdoors have "Test" and "Reset" buttons?
- When I press "Test," does the power actually cut off?

2. The Fire Prevention Check (AFCIs)

- Does my electrical panel use AFCI breakers (usually identified by a white or purple test button)?
- *Note: If your home was built before 2002, you likely need an upgrade to prevent electrical fires.*

3. Child Safety (Tamper-Resistant Outlets)

- Are my outlets "Tamper-Resistant"? (Look for the "TR" logo or built-in shutters inside the plug slots).

4. Appliance Protection

- Is there a Whole-House Surge Protector installed on my main panel to protect my HVAC, fridge, and smart home tech?

5. The "Touch Test"

- I have checked my outlets and light switches, and none of them feel warm to the touch or look discolored (charred).

6. No "Odor" Alerts

- I do not smell any persistent "fishy" or "burning plastic" odors near my electronics or walls.

7. Stable Power

- My lights do **not** flicker or dim when the microwave, vacuum, or air conditioner kicks on.

8. Proper Cord Use

- I am **not** using extension cords as permanent wiring for appliances or TVs.

9. Smoke & CO Alarms

- I have smoke and carbon monoxide detectors on every floor and inside/outside every bedroom.
- I have tested them within the last 30 days.

10. Panel Health

- My electrical panel is free of rust, doesn't make "crackling" sounds, and isn't a recalled brand (like Federal Pacific or Zinsco).

Score Your Home:

- **10/10:** Your home is a safety fortress!
- **7-9:** You have a few gaps that should be addressed soon.
- **Below 7:** Your home may be at high risk for fire or shock. **Call a professional today for a Safety Audit.**

Need a Professional Eye?

Don't guess when it comes to your family's safety. We provide comprehensive **Electrical Safety Inspections** to ensure your wiring, panel, and outlets meet the latest safety codes.

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