



Home Safety Checklist

Most of us don't think much about electricity unless we are forced to go without it. But just like light bulbs and appliances, the electrical system in your home deserves your attention.

The Electrical Safety Foundation International urges consumers to take an electrical tour throughout their homes to look for potential hazards.

Many potential hazards are easily identified and corrected.

- You can check to see that lamps and extension cords aren't cracked, frayed or covered by rugs or furniture.
- Check light bulbs to determine that the wattage is appropriate for lighting fixtures.
- Electrical appliances should be kept away from damp and hot surfaces and have appropriate air circulation.

Dim or flickering lights, arcs or sparks, sizzling or buzzing sounds from your electrical systems, odors, hot switch plates, loose plugs and damaged insulation, among other things, are signs of potential hazards and should be looked at by a qualified electrician.