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Understanding AFCI and GFCI Outlets**

What is AFCI and GFCI?

- **AFCI (Arc-Fault Circuit Interrupter):** An electrical device that detects and interrupts dangerous electrical arcs, which can cause fires.
- **GFCI (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter):** An electrical device that detects and interrupts electrical current leaks to the ground, preventing electrical shocks.

Where are AFCI Outlets Required?

In the USA, AFCI outlets are required in:

- All bedrooms
- Family rooms
- Living rooms
- Dining rooms
- Kitchens
- Hallways
- Closets

Are Arc Fault Breakers Worth It?

Yes, AFCI breakers are worth the investment as they significantly reduce the risk of electrical fires caused by arcing faults.

What is the Full Form of AFCI?

Arc-Fault Circuit Interrupter

What Does GFCI Stand For?

Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter

How to Tell if a Breaker is GFCI or AFCI?

- **GFCI breaker:** Has a "TEST" and "RESET" button on the face.
- **AFCI breaker:** Has a "TRIP" or "AFCI" indicator light on the face.

Where is GFCI Required?

- Bathrooms
- Kitchens
- Laundry rooms
- Garages
- Outdoor outlets

When Were AFCI Breakers Required in the USA?

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Should Bathrooms Be GFCI or AFCI?

Both GFCI and AFCI protection is required in bathrooms.

When Should You Not Use AFCI?

- With electronic devices that generate normal electrical arcs, such as arc welders.
- With motors that can cause nuisance tripping, such as air conditioners and refrigerators.

What is the Purpose of an AFCI Outlet?

To prevent electrical fires caused by arcing faults, which occur when electricity flows through unintended paths.

What is the Disadvantage of AFCI?

- Can cause nuisance tripping in certain cases, such as when vacuuming or using power tools.

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