



# DFW HOMEOWNER ELECTRICAL SAFETY CHECKLIST

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Use this checklist to identify potential electrical hazards in your home. Check off each item as you inspect it. Any failed items should be addressed by a licensed electrician.

## Electrical Panel & Breakers

Your electrical panel is the heart of your home's electrical system.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Panel door opens and closes securely <i>Look for rust, scorch marks, or melted plastic</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	All breaker positions are clearly labeled
<input type="checkbox"/>	No breakers are stuck in the middle (tripped) position
<input type="checkbox"/>	No burning smell or discoloration around the panel <i>A burning smell is an emergency — call an electrician immediately</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Panel is easily accessible (no storage blocking it)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Panel has adequate capacity for your home (200A recommended for most DFW homes)
<input type="checkbox"/>	GFCI/AFCI breakers are installed where required by code

## Outlets & Switches

<input type="checkbox"/>	No outlets feel warm or hot to the touch
<input type="checkbox"/>	No outlets have scorch marks or discoloration
<input type="checkbox"/>	All outlets grip plugs firmly (plugs don't fall out) <i>Loose outlets can cause arcing and fires</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	GFCI outlets installed in kitchens, bathrooms, garages, and outdoor areas



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<input type="checkbox"/>	All outdoor outlets have weatherproof covers
<input type="checkbox"/>	No cracked or broken outlet/switch plates
<input type="checkbox"/>	Light switches work smoothly without buzzing or flickering
<input type="checkbox"/>	No extension cords used as permanent wiring

## Wiring & Connections

<input type="checkbox"/>	No exposed wiring visible anywhere in the home <i>Check attic, garage, and basement areas especially</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	No aluminum wiring (common in 1960s-1970s DFW homes)
<input type="checkbox"/>	No knob-and-tube wiring (very old homes)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Junction boxes are properly covered with plates
<input type="checkbox"/>	No wires running under rugs or through doorways
<input type="checkbox"/>	Attic wiring is not buried under insulation improperly

## Safety Devices

<input type="checkbox"/>	Smoke detectors on every level and in every bedroom <i>Test monthly, replace batteries yearly, replace units every 10 years</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Carbon monoxide detectors installed near bedrooms
<input type="checkbox"/>	Smoke/CO detectors are less than 10 years old



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<input type="checkbox"/>	Whole-home surge protector installed at panel
<input type="checkbox"/>	GFCI outlets test successfully (press TEST button, then RESET)

## Outdoor & Exterior

<input type="checkbox"/>	Exterior lights and fixtures are in good condition
<input type="checkbox"/>	No tree branches touching power lines to the house
<input type="checkbox"/>	Weatherhead and service entrance are secure
<input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape lighting wiring is properly buried and protected
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pool/spa equipment has proper bonding and GFCI protection
<input type="checkbox"/>	Generator transfer switch is properly installed (if applicable) <i>Never backfeed a generator into your panel without a transfer switch</i>

### PRO TIP

North Texas homes built before 1985 are more likely to have outdated wiring, undersized panels, and missing safety features. If your home is over 25 years old and hasn't had an electrical inspection, we strongly recommend scheduling one.

**CALL AN ELECTRICIAN IMMEDIATELY IF YOU NOTICE:** Burning smells near outlets or panels, frequent breaker trips, lights flickering throughout the house, sparks from outlets, or any shock when touching switches or appliances.





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## Schedule Your Free Assessment

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