



DFW HOMEOWNER ELECTRICAL SAFETY CHECKLIST

Your Safety is Our Priority



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.

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

Outlets & Switches

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



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	All outdoor outlets have weatherproof covers
	No cracked or broken outlet/switch plates
	Light switches work smoothly without buzzing or flickering
	No extension cords used as permanent wiring

Wiring & Connections

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

Safety Devices

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



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Whole-home surge protector installed at panel

GFCI outlets test successfully (press TEST button, then RESET)

Outdoor & Exterior

Exterior lights and fixtures are in good condition

No tree branches touching power lines to the house

Weatherhead and service entrance are secure

Landscape lighting wiring is properly buried and protected

Pool/spa equipment has proper bonding and GFCI protection

Generator transfer switch is properly installed (if applicable)

Never backfeed a generator into your panel without a transfer switch

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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