

ELECTRICAL HOME SAFETY INSPECTION CHECKLIST

- CHECK IF THE ELECTRICAL PANEL IS EASILY ACCESSIBLE AND NOT BLOCKED BY ANY OBJECTS.
- ENSURE THAT CIRCUIT BREAKERS OR FUSES ARE PROPERLY LABELED FOR EACH CIRCUIT.
- INSPECT ALL OUTLETS AND SWITCHES FOR SIGNS OF DAMAGE, SUCH AS CRACKS OR EXPOSED WIRES.
- CHECK FOR LOOSE-FITTING PLUGS IN OUTLETS.
- ENSURE THAT ALL OUTLETS AND SWITCHES HAVE COVER PLATES IN GOOD CONDITION.
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- EXAMINE EXTENSION CORDS AND POWER STRIPS FOR FRAYED OR DAMAGED WIRES.
- MAKE SURE CORDS ARE NOT PINCHED UNDER FURNITURE OR RUGS.
- AVOID OVERLOADING OUTLETS OR POWER STRIPS WITH TOO MANY DEVICES.
- REMOVE CORDS FROM AREAS WHERE PEOPLE WALK.
- ENSURE THAT CORDS ARE NOT FIXED IN PLACE USING FASTENERS SUCH AS STAPLES OR NAILS.
- CHECK FOR LOOSE-FITTING PLUGS IN OUTLETS.
- CHECK THAT THE GROUND PIN HAS NOT BEEN BYPASSED OR REMOVED ON ANY PLUGS.
- CHECK APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT FOR DAMAGED CORDS OR PLUGS.
- ENSURE THAT APPLIANCES HAVE THE APPROPRIATE SAFETY CERTIFICATIONS (E.G., UL, CE).
- VERIFY THAT ALL APPLIANCES ARE IN GOOD WORKING CONDITION.
- INSPECT LIGHT FIXTURES FOR EXPOSED WIRES OR LOOSE CONNECTIONS.
- REPLACE BURNT-OUT BULBS PROMPTLY.
- ENSURE THAT THE WATTAGE OF BULBS MATCHES THE FIXTURE'S RECOMMENDED WATTAGE.
- TEST GFCI OUTLETS AND ENSURE THEY ARE WORKING CORRECTLY.
- GFCIS SHOULD BE INSTALLED IN AREAS WHERE WATER IS PRESENT, SUCH AS KITCHENS, BATHROOMS, AND OUTDOOR OUTLETS.
- CHECK SMOKE DETECTORS FOR FUNCTIONALITY BY PRESSING THE TEST BUTTON.
- REPLACE BATTERIES IN BATTERY-OPERATED SMOKE DETECTORS AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR.
- TEST CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS ACCORDING TO THE MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTIONS.
- REPLACE BATTERIES IN CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS AS NEEDED.
- INSPECT ELECTRICAL CABLES ENTERING THE HOME FOR ANY DAMAGE.
- ENSURE CABLES ARE PROTECTED FROM PHYSICAL HARM, LIKE BEING PINCHED OR EXPOSED TO THE ELEMENTS.
- IF THERE ARE YOUNG CHILDREN IN THE HOME, ENSURE THAT OUTLETS ARE CHILDPROOFED WITH SAFETY COVERS.
- MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A FIRE EXTINGUISHER IN THE KITCHEN AND KNOW HOW TO USE IT.
- HAVE A FLASHLIGHT AND EXTRA BATTERIES READILY AVAILABLE IN CASE OF POWER OUTAGES.