

ELECTRICAL SAFETY CHECKLIST

Electrical safety should be everyone's priority.

Check everything off this list monthly to make your home as safe as possible for you and your family.

1 | BATHROOM

- ☐ All electrical appliances are used away from the sink, tub, toilet and/or shower.
- ☐ All appliance cords are unplugged when not in use.
- ☐ All appliances are plugged into GFCI (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter) -protected outlets, and GFCIs have been tested monthly.
- $\hfill \square$ All unused outlets have safety caps installed, especially when children are in the home.
- ☐ All lighting in your shower area is vapor-tight.

2 | KITCHEN

- ☐ Back of refrigerator has room for air circulation and its coils are free of dirt and buildup.
- ☐ All electrical appliances are placed and used away from the sink.
- \square All appliances are plugged into GFCI (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter) -protected outlets, and GFCIs have been tested monthly.
- ☐ All electrical cords are not cracked, frayed or damaged in any way.
- ☐ Appliance cords are not hanging from tables or counters and are unplugged when not in use.

3 | BASEMENT

- ☐ Circuit breaker box is labeled with the last electrical inspection, correct amperage and which rooms, outlets and circuits they service.
- ☐ Standard circuit breakers have been inspected, and you've considered talking with your licensed electrician about replacing with Arc Fault Circuit Interrupters (AFCIs).
- ☐ Washer and dryer do not wobble excessively while running, have room for air circulation, and dryer lint is removed after each use.
- ☐ Furnace has been inspected, cleaned and has proper ventilation outside the house.
- ☐ Temperature on the water heater is set to 120° or

4 I FAMILY ROOM

- ☐ All unused outlets have safety caps installed, especially when children are in the home.
- $\hfill \Box$ All light switch and outlet covers are not cracked or broken.
- ☐ All electrical equipment (lamps, electronics, etc.) are being used without the use of extension cords.
- ☐ All power outlets, power strips and surge protectors are not overloaded.
- ☐ All electronics have room for air circulation.

5 | BEDROOM

- ☐ All smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are in working order, and are placed outside all sleeping areas and on every level of the house.
- ☐ All light fixtures throughout the home are using bulbs not exceeding the fixture's maximum wattage.
- ☐ No electrical cords are resting under rugs or furniture.
- ☐ Electronic devices such as phone chargers are unplugged when not in use.
- ☐ Window unit air conditioners are plugged in on their own dedicated circuit.

6 | GARAGE

- ☐ All electrical cords are not cracked, frayed or damaged in any way and are never used on a permanent basis.
- ☐ Appliance cords are unplugged when not in use.
- ☐ All appliances are plugged into GFCI (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter) -protected outlets, and GFCIs have been tested monthly.
- ☐ Any garage-stored appliances, like refrigerators and freezers, have dedicated 20 amp appliance circuits.
- ☐ All storage boxes are placed away from wiring and plugs.

