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ELECTRICAL SAFETY CHECKLIST

Keep your home and your family safe

Do an electrical safety check in and around your home twice a year, at the beginning of summer and winter.

If you answer "NO" to any of the following questions get them fixed as soon as you can.

Cords

- Are all electric cords in good condition, with no cracking or fraying in the outer cover or any internal wires exposed?
- Are all electric cords clear of rugs and furniture?
- Are all extension cords used for temporary purposes only?
- Are all cords out of the way so they can't be tripped over or damaged by furniture?

Sockets and Switches

- Are all sockets, switches and multi-boxes working properly with no damaged or broken plugs, sockets, light switches or light fittings?
- Are all sockets and switches cool to touch?
- Are all multi-boxes placed up high out of reach of children?
- Have you limited the number of appliances plugged into one outlet so not to draw too heavy a load on the circuit?
- Do you only have one heater per outlet?

Lighting

- Do you have the correct bulb sizes in your light fittings and lamps?

Portable Electric Heaters

- Do you follow the "heater metre rule" with all heaters at least one metre away from things that can burn?
- Are all heaters in good working condition with no broken parts, funny noises or smells?
- Have you recently cleaned your heater?

Electric Blankets

- Are all electric blankets in good condition with no scorch marks, kinks, exposed or damaged wiring?
- Are your electric blankets stored flat or rolled when not in use?
- Have you had your electric blanket tested recently?

Large Appliances

- Do you check and clean the lint from your clothes dryer filter regularly?

- Do you make sure the stovetop is kept clear of things that could burn, such as paper towels and plastic cords, keeping them at least one metre away from the elements?

Small Appliances

- Are all small appliances around your home in good condition with no exposed wiring, funny noises or smells?
- Do all your small appliances operate correctly?
- Are all small appliances turned off when not in use?
- Are all cords to electric appliances stored out of the way so a child cannot pull them down onto him/herself?

Residual Current Devices

- Do you have RCD's installed in the damp areas of your home where you have electrical outlets such as the bathroom and laundry?
- Do you test your RCD regularly, and are they working correctly?
- Do you use an RCD or isolating transformer with all electrical equipment outside?

Fuses and Circuit Breakers

- Can you change a fuse correctly?
- Are all fuse wires the correct size for the circuits on your switchboard?
- Is it a rare occurrence for a fuse to blow in your home?

Outdoors

- Are all power lines well clear of buildings, structures and trees?
- Are all outside electrical outlets protected by an RCD or an isolating transformer?

Electrical Emergency

- Do you know what to do in an electrical emergency?
- Have you taught your family to be safe around electricity?
- Do you have smoke alarms installed in your home?
- Have you tested your smoke alarms recently/ regularly?
- Do you have a multi-purpose fire extinguisher in your home?
- Do all people who live in your home know the safest evacuation route in case of an emergency?
- Do you have an emergency plan?