

AT-HOME ELECTRICAL SAFETY CHECKLIST

Electrical safety starts at home – take simple steps to protect you and your loved ones. Use this checklist as a monthly guide to stay safe around electricity!



PPL Electric Utilities



LIVING ROOM

- Check all cords (lamp, appliance, extension) to ensure they are in good condition.
- Make sure outlets and switches are working properly; cover all outlets with a faceplate.
- Keep space heaters away from flammable objects like drapes.
- Children? Place safety covers on all unused outlet openings.
- Examine all outlets, power strips and surge protectors; make sure they're not overloaded.
- Do not run cords under rugs or furniture.

KITCHEN

- Keep electrical appliances away from the sink.
- Leave room for air circulation behind refrigerator; clear coils of dust and buildup.
- Install GFCI-protected outlets and test monthly.
- Make sure all cords are in good condition.
- Check and cover all outlets and switches.
- Keep a "Type C" fire extinguisher easily accessible.

BEDROOM

- Do not run cords under rugs or furniture.
- Install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors outside of all sleeping areas and on each floor of your home.
- Make sure all cords are in good condition.
- Check and cover all outlets and switches.
- Place safety covers on all unused outlet openings.
- Unplug appliances and phone chargers when not in use.

BASEMENT

- Know where your electric panel is located and check for 3 feet of clear access, no rust or moisture, and properly labeled breakers. Visually inspect for signs of overheating, such as scorching or melted insulation. **Never touch internal components; if you smell plastic or hear buzzing, call an electrician immediately.**
- Know where your main electrical shutoff breaker is located inside the panel.
- Leave room for air circulation behind washer and dryer; remove dryer lint after each use.
- Install GFCI-protected outlets – especially around sump pumps, washers and utility sinks – and test monthly.
- Keep space heaters away from stored items.
- Make sure all cords are in good condition.
- Check and cover all outlets and switches.

GARAGE

- Make sure all cords are in good condition.
- Unplug appliance cords when not in use.
- Inspect power tools for three-prong plugs; avoid overloading outlets with tools.
- Ensure you have correct amperage breaker based on garage needs (lighting only vs. power tools vs. EV chargers).
- Check and cover all outlets and switches.
- Install GFCI-protected outlets and test monthly.
- Keep storage boxes away from wiring and outlets.

BATHROOM

- Keep electrical appliances away from bathtub/shower, sink and toilet.
- Unplug appliances like hair dryers and razors when not in use.
- Install GFCI-protected outlets and test monthly.
- Place safety covers on all unused outlet openings.

OUTDOORS/AROUND HOME

- Check all outdoor outlets and install waterproof covers.
- Never use indoor extension cords outdoors; proper cords will be marked "SJT.W."
- Only use generators outdoors in dry, well-ventilated areas; keep at least 20 feet from your home, and keep distance from other flammable materials like leaves or wood.
- Never tamper with or open your meter base; only your utility or a licensed electrician should operate.
- Before any outdoor digging project, **always call 811** at least three business days before planned work.