

Electrical Fire Safety Checklist

Scout Name: _____
Date Completed: _____
Adult Helper: _____

Power Cords & Outlets

- Cords are not frayed, cracked, or damaged.
- Cords are not running under rugs, carpets, or furniture.
- Cords are not attached to anything with nails or staples.
- Outlets are not overloaded with too many plugs or adapters.
- Outlets with loose fitting plugs should be replaced.
- No cords are pinched by doors, beds, or heavy objects.
- Wall plates are secure and not warm to the touch.

Appliances & Electronics

- All appliances are in good working condition.
- Appliances are turned off and unplugged when not in use (when appropriate).
- Space heaters are used with adult supervision and kept 3 feet away from anything that can burn.
- Electronics are not stacked where they might overheat.
- Chargers are unplugged when not charging a device.
- Use surge protection for electronic devices to protect against voltage surges and/or spikes.

Extension Cords & Power Strips

- Extension cords are used only temporarily, not permanently.
- Power strips have built-in surge protection.
- 'Daisy-chaining' (plugging strips into each other) is not used.
- Extension cords are rated for the devices they are powering.
- Outdoor extension cords are used only outdoors.

Lighting & Bulbs

- Light bulbs match the recommended wattage for lamps and fixtures.
- Lamps are placed where they cannot fall over easily.
- No flammable items are touching lamps.
- Night-lights are LED and do not get too hot.
- Holiday or string lights are in good condition with no broken wires.

Breakers & Fuse Box

- The breaker panel is easy to reach and not blocked.
- No scorch marks or burning smells near the breaker box.
- Adults know how to turn off power in an emergency.
- All breakers are clearly labeled.
- No frequently tripping circuits.
- Do you have Arc Fault Circuit Interrupters (AFCI)'s and are they tested monthly

Outdoor & Wet Areas

- Use weatherproof covers for outdoor outlets
- Check for use of Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) protection in bathrooms and kitchens.
- GFCI's should be used in other wet areas, including outdoor areas and garages.
- When using ladders, stay away from overhead wires and power lines.

Smoke Alarms

- Smoke alarms installed on every level and tested monthly.
- Batteries replaced yearly.
- Smoke alarms older than 10 years should be replaced.

Fire Prevention Awareness

- Everyone knows that water should NEVER be used on an electrical fire.
- A Class C or multipurpose (ABC) fire extinguisher is available in the home.
- Device chargers are not used near water.
- Smoke alarms are working on every level of the home.
- Kids know to tell an adult if they smell burning plastic or see sparks.