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## **Does Your Home Check Out for Electrical Safety?**

Arlington, Va. - Before you leave home in the morning, you run through a mental checklist: Keys? Check! Lights? Check! Blinds? Check!

But most Americans have never thought about running through a checklist that could save them from electrocution or electrical fire: an electrical safety checklist.

May is National Electrical Safety Month. As its sponsor, the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) has created a free, downloadable checklist covering electrical issues that may arise inside your home.

Covering every room from the kitchen to the basement, the checklist guides users through their homes' electrical systems via a series of questions and suggested action items. Do your lights flicker when you turn on the vacuum cleaner? Engage a licensed electrician to determine if your home has enough electrical circuits. Are you protected from electrocution that can result from electricity interacting with water? Conduct a monthly test of the ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) outlets in the kitchen and bathroom.

To download ESFI's Indoor Electrical Safety Checklist, go to <http://www.esfi.org/home/indoor.pdf> .

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