

FREE GUIDE FROM VOLTGUIDE

# Electrician Vetting Checklist

Every license, document, and question to clear before you hire an electrician.



Understand your electrical job with open eyes - then get matched, free, with licensed, insured, bonded electricians near you. You compare quotes and choose who to hire. Never do electrical work yourself.

## Before you let anyone quote

- Confirm they hold an active electrician license in your state or city.
- Confirm they carry liability insurance and a bond.
- Verify the license yourself - look it up with the issuing board.
- Ask whether they pull the electrical permit.

## Documents to collect

- 1 Copy of the electrician license (check it is active and the right tier).
- 2 Certificate of insurance and proof of bond.
- 3 Recent references for similar electrical jobs.
- 4 A written, itemized quote and scope.
- 5 A clear payment schedule - never a large cash deposit up front.



## Questions worth asking

- Who pulls the permit, and is it in the price?
- Is this a service-call, hourly, or flat-rate price?
- What is the deposit, and what triggers each payment?
- What warranty covers the parts and the labor?
- Will the work be inspected, and who schedules it?

## Red flags - walk away

- No license, no insurance, or refusal to show them.
- Says no permit is needed for panel or circuit work.
- Wants a large cash-only deposit before a signed agreement.
- Pressures you to decide today, or quotes only over the phone.



## Before you pay the final amount

- 1 Confirm the work passed inspection where required.
- 2 Confirm the scope was completed as written.
- 3 Test that everything works (outlets, breakers, the new circuit).
- 4 Keep all warranty and permit paperwork together.





## Important

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