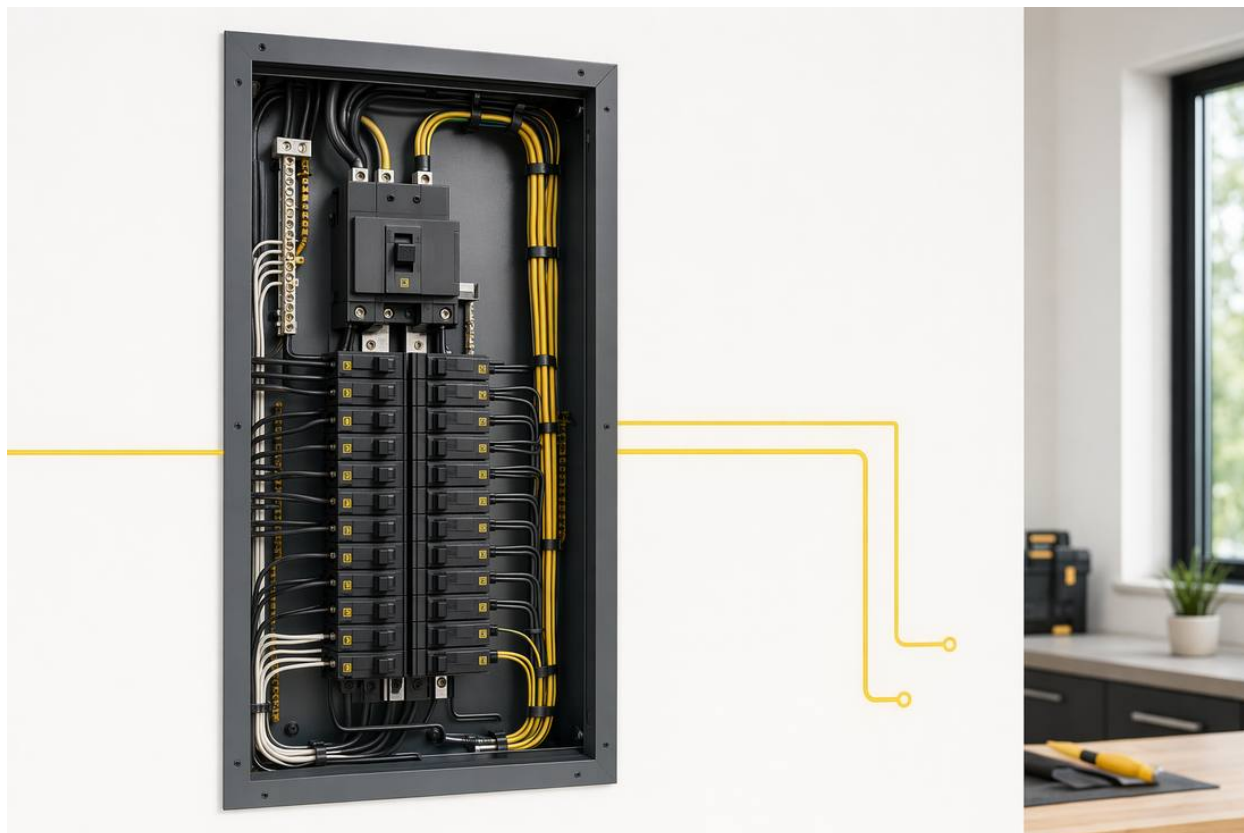


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# Home Electrical Safety Checklist

A room-by-room checklist of the electrical warning signs every homeowner should watch for.



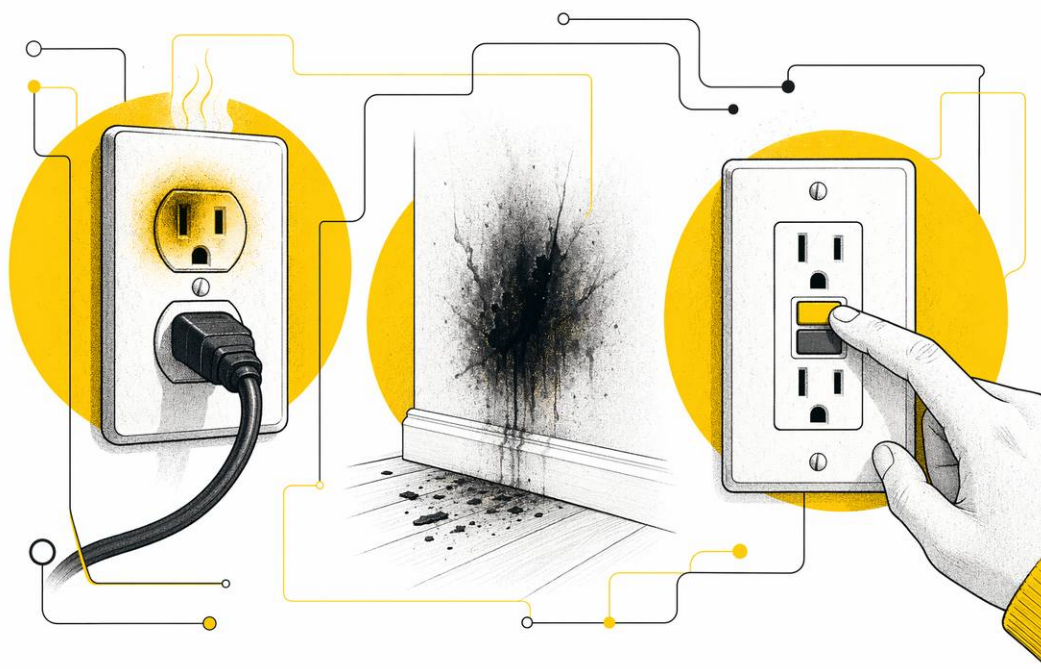
Understand your electrical job with open eyes - then get matched, free, with licensed, insured, bonded electricians near you. You compare quotes and choose who to hire. Never do electrical work yourself.

## Stop-everything emergencies

If you see any of these, stop using the circuit, keep people away, and call a licensed electrician now - or 911 if there is smoke or fire. Do not try to fix it yourself.

## Call now if you see

- A burning or fishy smell from an outlet, switch, or the panel
- Smoke, sparks, or a buzzing/sizzling sound
- An outlet or panel that is warm or hot to the touch
- Brown scorch marks around an outlet
- Any shock or tingle from a fixture or appliance
- A breaker that trips again the moment you reset it

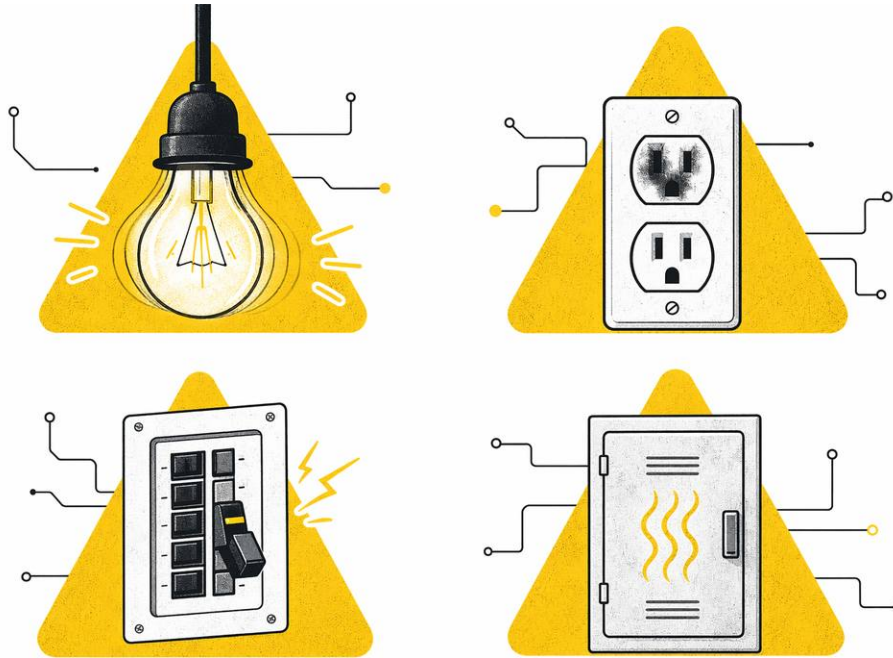


## Worth a call soon

- Lights that flicker or dim when appliances run
- Dead outlets or ones that only work sometimes
- Two-prong (ungrounded) outlets
- No GFCI outlets in the kitchen, bath, garage, or outdoors
- A fuse box or a very old panel
- Extension cords used as permanent wiring

## Simple safe habits

- Test GFCI outlets with the test/reset buttons monthly.
- Don't overload outlets or daisy-chain power strips.
- Keep water away from outlets and devices.
- Never remove the third (ground) prong from a plug.
- Never open the panel or touch wiring yourself.



## When in doubt, get it checked

- 1 Note what you saw and when.
- 2 Get matched, free, with a licensed electrician near you.
- 3 Ask for a safety inspection if you are unsure.
- 4 Confirm the price in writing before any work.





## Important

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