Electrical Safety Checklist

Nearly half of all home fires occur during winter months. Take a few minutes to identify and correct any potential electrical hazards to ensure the safety of your home.

SWITCHES AND OUTLETS

- **Are any switches or outlets warm to the touch?**
  Warm switches or outlets indicate an unsafe wiring condition.

- **Are any outlets or switches discolored?**
  Discoloration indicates dangerous heat buildup at these connections.

- **Do plugs fit snugly into outlets?**
  Loose-fitting plugs can cause overheating and fires.

CORDS

- **Are any cords cracked, frayed or damaged?**
  Damaged cords can expose wires, causing shock or fire hazard.

- **Are any cords pinched by furniture or windows, or attached to anything with staples or nails?**
  Pinching and/or stapling cords can damage the insulation, causing shock or fire hazard.

- **Do you use extension cords on a permanent basis?**
  Extension cords should only be used temporarily.

ELECTRIC PANEL

- **Do you have recurring tripped circuit breakers or blown fuses?**
  If yes, this could indicate you’re exceeding a safe level of electrical current.

- **Do you have arc fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs)?**
  AFCIs provide greater fire protection.
  Check your circuit breakers for the AFCI label.

Please note this is not a comprehensive safety checklist. Visit ESFI.org for more information.
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