



Safety at Home

Pacific Power Electric Safety Checklist

When used properly, electricity is safe and provides many modern conveniences.

However, if used improperly or carelessly, electricity can be very dangerous – even fatal.

Please complete this inspection to locate any potential safety hazards in and around your home. Students, have your parents help you with the checklist. If you find any electric safety hazards, **ask an adult** to have them fixed.

Outdoors:

OK Need to Fix

Make sure tree houses are built in trees that don't have power lines running through or near their branches.



Fly kites and model planes in open parks or fields and away from overhead power lines.

If any electrical substations are in the neighborhood, NEVER climb under or over the fence or go inside to retrieve lost balls or toys. Instead, call Pacific Power to retrieve any lost items.

Before digging holes 12 inches or deeper for planting trees, laying irrigation pipe or setting fence posts, call 811 or your local utility locating service at least 48 hours in advance to locate underground utility lines.

OK Need to Fix



If you see a fallen power line, never touch or go near it. Call Pacific Power or 911 immediately.

Cabinet doors to green metal boxes containing electrical equipment should always be closed and locked. Call Pacific Power if doors are open or damaged. Never play or sit on the boxes.

Don't place trampolines, swing sets, swimming pools, sandboxes or any other play equipment under power lines.



Make sure electrical cords on outdoor appliances and fixtures are in good condition and are not frayed, cracked or broken, or laying near water sources.

Indoors:

OK Need to Fix

Don't overload electrical outlets with too many appliance plugs or wattage that's too high for the outlet.



Make sure electrical cords on indoor appliances and fixtures are in good condition and are not frayed, cracked or broken.

Don't run electrical cords under rugs or furniture legs.

Keep all electrical appliances away from water, including hair dryers, radios and other bathroom or kitchen appliances.

Make sure ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI) – the outlets with black and red test and reset buttons – are installed in bathrooms, the kitchen and anywhere else water is located nearby.

OK Need to Fix

Make sure lights don't dim when an appliance or the furnace goes on.

Make sure fuses don't frequently blow and circuit breakers don't frequently trip.

Unplug electrical appliances before washing or cleaning them.

Use outlet covers if small children are in the home.



Always pull appliance plugs out of electrical outlets by the plugs – not the cords.

Please contact Pacific Power anytime toll free at **1-888-221-7070** or visit us online at pacificpower.net.

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