

Home Electrical Safety Checklist

A quick guide to identifying common issues before they become costly repairs. Stay safe and prepared by checking key electrical risks—and contact Christchurch Electrical if anything needs attention.

Important: These checks are visual and basic only. If anything looks unsafe or uncertain, contact a registered electrician to arrange a qualified inspection.

OUTDOOR & EXTERIOR SAFETY	
	Check outdoor lights, sensors, and fittings for cracks, moisture, or damage
	Ensure sensor lenses are intact (UV exposure can cause cracking)
	Keep fittings clean of debris and spider webs
	Confirm outdoor power points have weatherproof covers if they are designed for outdoors (IP rated)
	Look for rust, wear, or loose fittings
	Check for frayed or exposed outdoor cords
	If damage or moisture is present, contact Christchurch Electrical for inspection
	Ensure trees/branches are clear of power lines (use approved contractors)

SWITCHBOARD & SAFETY DEVICES	
	Ensure switchboard is clearly labelled
	Check for scorch marks or overheating (If issues are identified, book a switchboard check with Christchurch Electrical)
	Look for outdated fuses or older switchboards (If circuits trip repeatedly, contact Christchurch Electrical)
	Test RCDs every 3 months (press TEST and reset)
	If circuits trip repeatedly, contact Christchurch Electrical

INDOOR POWER & WIRING	
	Check power points for cracks, scorch marks, or heat
	Avoid overloading sockets or chaining power boards
	Inspect cords and appliances for damage or wear
	Ensure wet areas have RCD protection If faults are suspected, contact Christchurch Electrical

GENERAL HOME ELECTRICAL SAFETY	
	Test smoke alarms regularly (replace over 10 years old)
	Keep heaters away from curtains and flammable materials
	Book a 4-yearly safety check (especially older homes)
	Avoid DIY electrical work (unless qualified)
	Use a registered electrician such as Christchurch Electrical for repairs

COMMON WARNING SIGNS	
	Flickering or dimming lights
	Circuits tripping frequently
	Lightbulbs blowing repeatedly
	Partial power loss
	Appliances overheating
	If you notice any of these, contact Christchurch Electrical

SEASONAL RISKS	
	Moisture entering outdoor fittings
	Increased winter appliance load
	Heat pump performance issues drawing increased power
	Older wiring under stress during peak use
	If your system struggles, Christchurch Electrical can assess and upgrade

WHEN TO CALL CHRISTCHURCH ELECTRICAL	
	Older home with original wiring or switchboard
	Frequent faults or tripping
	Recent property purchase with unknown condition
	Any safety or compliance concerns