ELECTRICAL SAFETY CHECKLIST

KEEP YOUR HOME & FAMILY SAFE!

- Do an electrical safety check in and around your home twice a year.
- At the beginning of summer and winter, check each room in your home for electrical safety.
- Take 10-20 min and work through the check list below. It may save a life or prevent an accident in the future.
- Once you have finished your inspection, record the date so you know when your last check was done and what needs to be fixed.
- Make sure you fix the areas that you have marked with a cross as soon as you can.

SOCKETS & SWITCHES

- ☐ Are all sockets and switches working properly with no damaged or broken plugs, sockets, light switches or light covers?
- ☐ Are all sockets and switches cool to the touch?
- ☐ Do all electric plugs fit snugly into the sockets?
- ☐ Are all power bars used properly and not overloaded?
- ☐ Are all sockets free from burn or scortch marks

ELECTRIC CORDS

- ☐ Are all electric cords in good condition, with no cracking or fraying in the outer cover or any internal wires exposed?
- ☐ Are all electric cords clear of rugs and furniture?
- ☐ Are all extension cords used for temporary purposes only? If not, ask an electrician to install a socket-outlet where needed.
- ☐ Are all cords out of the way so they can't be tripped over, damaged by furniture, or caught in any way?

LIGHTING

- ☐ Do you have the correct bulbs in your light fittings and lamps?
- ☐ Are all light fittings around your home in good condition with no damage or exposed wiring, discolouration, funny noises or smells?

PORTABLE HEATERS

- ☐ Do you follow the "heater metre rule" with all heaters at least one metre away from things that can burn?
- ☐ Are all heaters in good working condition with no broken parts, funny noises or smells?
- ☐ Have you recently maintained and cleaned your heater?

ELECTRIC BLANKETS

- ☐ Are all electric blankets in good condition with no scorch marks, kinks, exposed or damaged wiring?
- ☐ Are your electric blankets stored flat or rolled in corrugated cardboard when not in use?
- ☐ Have you had your electric blanket tested recently?
- ☐ How old are your electric blankets? (We generally recommend replacing an electric blanket after 2 or 3 years of use).

LARGE APPLIANCES

- ☐ When moving or repositioning of large heavy appliances such as refrigerators and freezers, care must be taken not to damage the flexible power supply cords.
- ☐ Do you regularly check and clean the lint from your clothes-dryer filter?
- ☐ Do you consistently ensure that the stove-top is kept clear of things that could burn - such as paper towels and plastic cords - keeping them at least one metre away from the elements?

SMALL APPLIANCES

- ☐ Are all small appliances around your home in good condition with no exposed wiring, funny noises or smells?
- ☐ Do all your small appliances operate correctly?
- ☐ Are all small appliances unplugged when not in use?
- ☐ Are all cords to electric appliances stored out of the way so that a child cannot pull them down onto him or herself?

PANEL & BREAKERS

- ☐ Is there a 1 meter clearance around your electrical panel?
- ☐ Are there any visable scorching or burn marks on wiring?
- ☐ Is there a cover on your panel?
- ☐ Do you hear any humming or buzzing coming from the panel?

OUTDOORS

- ☐ Are all power lines well clear of buildings, structures and trees?
- ☐ Are all outside electrical outlets protected?

ELECTRICAL EMERGENCY

- ☐ Do you know what to do in an electrical emergency?
- ☐ Have you taught your family to be safe around electricity?
- ☐ Do you have smoke alarms installed in your home?
- ☐ Have you tested your smoke alarms recently? Do you test them regularly?
- ☐ Do you have a multi-purpose fire extinguisher in your home?
- ☐ Do all people who live in your home know the safest evacuation route in case of an emergency?
- ☐ Do you have an emergency plan?

QUESTIONS? CALL US!

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