SAFETY CHECKUP

Does Your Home Check Out For Electrical Safety?

(NAPSA)—Before you leave home in the morning, you run through a mental checklist: Keys? Check! Lights? Check! Blinds? Check!

But most Americans have never thought about running through a checklist that could save them from electrocution or electrical fire: an electrical safety checklist.

The Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) has created a free, downloadable checklist covering electrical issues that may arise inside your home.

Covering every room from the kitchen to the basement, the checklist guides users through their homes' electrical systems via a series of questions and suggested action items.

Do your lights flicker when you turn on the vacuum cleaner? Engage a licensed electrician to determine if your home has enough electrical circuits.

Are you protected from electrocution that can result from electricity interacting with water? Conduct a monthly test of the ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) outlets in the kitchen and bathroom.



How safe is your home? A downloadable checklist covers potential electrical problems that can arise inside a home.

To download ESFI's Indoor Electrical Safety Checklist, go to www.electrical-safety.org.

Founded in 1994 through a joint effort between Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL), the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA), the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting electrical safety in the home and workplace.

For additional electrical safety information, visit the Foundation's Web site at www.electrical-safety.org or call (703) 841-3229.