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ELECTRICAL OUTLET SAFETY

Many people ask us what we discover to be the most common electrical issues during a home inspection.

It's very rare to find a home that doesn't have a few incorrectly wired electrical outlets. Problems such as ungrounded outlets and reversed polarity outlets are very common. Although these aren't major electrical hazards, they should be rectified to avoid any potential shock hazards. Missing GFCI's are also very common. GFCI's prevent electrical shock when an appliance comes into contact with water such as a hair dryer falling into a sink or bathtub. The outlet automatically shuts off to prevent electrocution. These may seem like small issues but could actually save a life!

By the way, we recommend that you enlist the services of a licensed electrician. When it comes to electric and fire safety you can't be too careful.

All these problems are relatively easy and inexpensive to rectify. We recommend that you have an electrician evaluate all your outlets as well as your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and make modifications as needed.

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