

How to Hire an Electrician Checklist

Use this checklist to help verify that an electrician is qualified, insured, and prepared to complete your project safely.



Questions to Ask Before Hiring

- ☐ Are you licensed to perform electrical work in my state?
- ☐ Do you carry General Liability insurance?
- ☐ If you have employees, do you carry Workers' Compensation insurance?
- ☐ Can you provide a current Certificate of Insurance (COI)?
- ☐ Will you obtain all required permits for this project?
- ☐ Are you bonded?
- ☐ Can you provide references from recent customers?
- ☐ Have you completed projects similar to mine?
- ☐ Will you provide a written estimate outlining the scope of work and costs?
- ☐ Do you warranty or guarantee your work?



Before Signing a Contract

- ☐ Verify the electrician's license is active and in good standing.
- ☐ Review insurance documentation.
- ☐ Confirm who is responsible for permits and inspections.
- ☐ Compare estimates from multiple electricians.
- ☐ Ensure all project details, pricing, and timelines are documented in writing.



Red Flags to Watch For When Hiring an Electrician

- ✗ Missing credentials/Unlicensed
- ✗ Uninsured
- ✗ Use of pressure tactics
- ✗ Unusually low bids
- ✗ Vague or no contract
- ✗ Unwillingness to pull permits
- ✗ Bad reviews
- ✗ No references



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