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## **Outdoor Electrical Safety Checklist**

Arlington, Va. - Think about the exterior environment of your home. What comes to mind? Recreation. Relaxation. Entertainment.

But failure to consider potential electrical hazards could leave you exposed to the possibility of injury—or death.

May is National Electrical Safety Month. As its sponsor, the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) reminds homeowners that hidden dangers can lurk in the most enjoyable environments. Improperly placed metal ladders that come into contact with overhead power lines can be deadly, as can power cords that accidentally dip into water features or puddles.

To help keep you and your family safe from electrocution and electrical fires, ESFI has created a free, downloadable Outdoor Electrical Safety Checklist, available at [www.electrical-safety.org](http://www.electrical-safety.org). The checklist will guide you through simple steps - and suggested solutions - to ensure that you and your family are safe from electrical hazards.

For more information, go to [www.electrical-safety.org](http://www.electrical-safety.org).

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