GFCIs: Your Protection from Electrocuting

Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters have saved thousands of lives since their introduction to the National Electrical Code in the 1970s. Make sure your home is properly protected against ground faults with the correct installation of GFCIs.

50% The Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that 50% of home electrocutions have been prevented by the introduction of GFCIs.

GFCI Protection is required for outlets installed in:
- Bathrooms
- Garages
- Outdoors
- Balconies, Decks, and Porches
- Kitchen Countertops
- Within 6 ft of a Sink
- Laundry Areas
- Within 6 ft of a Bathtub or Shower

How to Test a GFCI

1. Push the "RESET" button.
2. Plug in a nightlight or similar device.
3. The nightlight should be on.
4. Press the "TEST" button.
5. The nightlight should turn off.
6. Push the "RESET" button again.
7. The nightlight should turn back on.
8. If the device does not turn on, contact a qualified electrician to inspect the outlet.

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