City of Miami Gardens
Safety Check Permit Checklist

NOTE: This is an over-the-counter permit that only requires an electrical application from a licensed Electrical Contractor.

An electrical safety check inspection helps ensure electrical systems and equipment are functioning correctly and safely, minimizing risks of fire, shock, and other hazards. Key areas to inspect include electrical panels, wiring, outlets, and appliances. During the inspection those areas will be inspected, the electrical contractor shall be onsite to expose panel and any equipment as needed.

Key Areas and Items to Check:

Electrical Panels:

- Physical Damage: Check for any physical damage to the panel, breakers, or busbars.
- Circuit Breaker Capacity: Verify that breakers are appropriately sized for the electrical load.
- Tightness of Connections: Ensure all connections are tight to prevent overheating.
- Labeling: Ensure all circuits and disconnecting means are clearly labeled.
- Accessibility: The panel should be easily accessible with adequate working space.

Outlets and Receptacles:

- Functionality: Test outlets for proper voltage and secure connections.
- Damage: Check for any signs of damage, discoloration, or unusual smells.
- GFCI Outlets: Test Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs) for proper operation, especially in wet areas.

Wiring and Cables:

- Condition: Inspect for frayed, damaged, or exposed wiring.
- Grounding: Ensure proper grounding of all electrical equipment and systems.
- Proper Use: Check that flexible cords are not used as a substitute for permanent wiring.

Appliances:

- Condition: Inspect appliances for any signs of damage or wear.
- Grounding: Ensure appliances are properly grounded.
- Safety Labels: Check for proper safety labels and certifications.

Other Safety Considerations:

- Lockout/Tagout Procedures: Ensure proper procedures are followed when working on electrical systems.
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): Verify the use of appropriate PPE.
- Emergency Procedures: Ensure familiarity with emergency procedures in case of an electrical fire.
- Clearance: Ensure adequate clearance around electrical equipment for safe operation and maintenance.
- Grounding: Ensure all electrical equipment and systems are properly grounded.
- GFCI Usage: Verify that GFCIs are used in wet environments and on portable equipment.