

5 Electrical Warning Signs Nanaimo Homeowners Miss

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1. Breakers that trip again and again

A breaker doing its job once is normal. One that trips repeatedly is telling you the circuit is overloaded or failing. Resetting it forever is not a fix.

2. Outlets or switch plates that feel warm

Warmth means resistance, and resistance means heat where it shouldn't be. Loose connections behind a warm outlet are a leading cause of electrical fires.

3. Flickering or dimming lights

Lights that pulse when the fridge kicks on, or a room that dims under load, often point to a loose neutral or an undersized service. Worth a look before it gets worse.

4. A panel that's full, doubled-up, or humming

Tandem breakers crammed where they don't belong, a buzzing panel, or scorch marks on a breaker are all signs the panel is past its comfortable life.

5. Two-prong outlets and mystery aluminum wiring

Many Nanaimo-area homes from the 60s-70s still carry aluminum branch wiring. It's manageable when terminated properly — dangerous when it's not. An inspection tells you which you have.

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