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CITY OF TUCSON PLANNING DEVELOPMENT SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT

## ELECTRICAL RECONNECT GUIDELINES

**PDS** inspectors shall not clear electrical power to a residence when there are electrical or life safety issues. Please make sure to “pre-inspect” the dwelling to help ensure that you do not fail your reconnect inspection. A failed inspection shall cause a denial of the release of power. You will not be able to get your power turned on until after corrections are made and PDS has been scheduled for a re-inspection.

**Electrical & Life Safety issues include but are not limited to:**

- Improper grounding or bonding of electrical systems
- Deterioration of electric equipment causing it to be unserviceable
- Improperly maintained electrical services
- Hazardous existing wiring
- New (recent) wiring installed without permits
- 3-prong plug receptacles improperly installed in an ungrounded (two wire) system
- Missing smoke detectors in bedrooms or hallways (you may use battery powered detectors)
- Structural conditions that could deem the building dangerous

**PDS** inspectors may clear power if they find housing violations but the electrical system is deemed safe. We will approve the release of power and final your permit but the deficiencies shall be noted in our records. Dwellings may not be legally occupied until they meet minimum housing requirements. It is the owner’s responsibility to make any noted corrections, including obtaining any required permits, before tenants move into the home.

**Housing conditions shall include but are not limited to:**

- Kitchen or bathroom plug receptacles that are not ground fault (GFCI) protected
- Blocked or broken windows or doors, (bedrooms must have at least one emergency egress)
- Missing plumbing fixtures such as sinks, lavatories, water closets, etc
- Lack of proper heating or cooling equipment
- Improper maintenance of mechanical or plumbing systems
- Damaged exterior weather-proofing or interior partitions