

ELECTRICAL SAFETY CHECKLIST

Is It Time to Call an Electrician?

Before You Call — Quick Checks

- Swap the flickering bulb with one from another fixture — if the flicker follows, it's the bulb, not your wiring
- Note exactly which room, switch, or circuit is affected
- Lightly touch switch plates and outlet covers with the back of your hand — stop immediately if anything feels warm
- Check your DB panel for tripped breakers or signs of scorching
- Ask neighbors if they're experiencing the same issue (points to a supply-side problem, not your wiring)

Cosmetic Flicker (Low Concern)

- Only one bulb flickers, and it's an old or loose bulb
- Flickering only happens with dimmer switches
- It happens briefly when a large appliance (AC, washing machine) switches on

Fire Risk Warning Signs (Call Immediately)

- Burning smell near outlets or switches
- Warm or hot switch plates and outlet covers
- Discoloration around outlets
- Multiple lights across different rooms flickering at once
- Buzzing or crackling sounds from a switch or panel
- Flickering getting more frequent or intense over weeks

Is It DEWA or Your Home's Wiring?

- Supply-side: neighbors affected too, happens during peak summer AC hours, resolves on its own
- Internal wiring: only your unit affected, tied to specific switches/circuits, getting progressively worse

When to Book a Licensed Electrician

- Any burning smell, warm outlets, or discoloration
- Flickering spreading across rooms or circuits
- Old, overloaded, or damaged DB panel
- No wiring inspection in years (older building/villa)

Never open switch plates, touch exposed wiring, or attempt panel work yourself — this is a licensed professional's job under UAE electrical safety codes.

Notice a fire-risk warning sign? Book a licensed electrician for a free safety check today.