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## **Gov. Rounds declares May as Electrical Safety Month**

**PIERRE, S.D.** – Gov. Mike Rounds has declared May as Electrical Safety Month in South Dakota. [View proclamation.](#)

Gov. Rounds stated in the proclamation that following basic electrical safety precautions can help prevent injury or death to thousands of people each year.

The South Dakota Electrical Commission, in conjunction with the Electrical Safety Foundation International, has the role to promote and educate the public about the importance of respecting electricity. The goal of the Commission for May is to educate homeowners about the proper electrical wiring and permit process.

“South Dakota residents need to understand the electrical permit and inspection process,” said Commission Executive Director J.J. Linn.

Homeowners are not required to be licensed to wire their own residence or farmstead; however, a wiring permit is required. The permit process allows electrical inspectors to make sure homeowners have safe wiring that is in compliance with South Dakota state statute and the 2008 National Electrical Code.

Wiring permits may be purchased from the South Dakota Electrical Commission or your local utility company. For more information, visit [electrical.sd.gov](http://electrical.sd.gov) or call 800.233.7765.