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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.](#)

The Governor states in the proclamation that following basic electrical safety precautions can help prevent injuries or deaths to thousands of people each year.

The South Dakota Electrical Commission and the Electrical Safety Foundation International stress the importance of respecting electricity. The Commission's goal in May is to educate homeowners about proper electrical wiring and the 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 homes or farmsteads; however, a wiring permit is required. The permit process allows electrical inspectors to make sure homeowners have safe wiring that complies with South Dakota statutes 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 or call 800-233-7765.