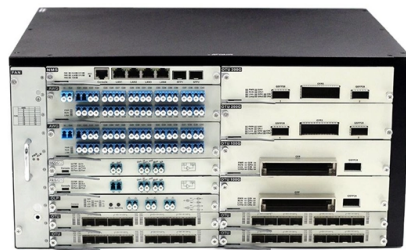


# Home electrical distribution box should be equipped with a ground wire



## Article Overview

Most modern home electrical distribution boxes include a ground wire to ensure safety and proper operation of the electrical system.

### Purpose of a Ground Wire

A ground wire provides a safe path for electrical currents in case of a short circuit or fault, directing excess electricity into the earth to prevent shocks, fires, or damage to appliances . It acts as a safety mechanism, triggering circuit breakers or fuses when necessary, and is especially important for metal boxes and fixtures that could become energized .

### Presence in Distribution Boxes

- Modern homes: Electrical panels and distribution boxes installed after the 1960s generally have a dedicated ground wire connected to a grounding bar (PE bar) inside the panel . This bar is linked to a copper rod or other grounding system outside the home.
- Older homes: Some older homes may have ungrounded outlets or panels, particularly if the wiring predates grounding code requirements. In these cases, metal boxes may still provide grounding through mounting hardware, but this is not guaranteed .

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Inside this service panel, the smaller copper wire (top) and the insulated white wire feed a subpanel in the house; the thicker copper

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