

Distribution box with exposed wiring



Article Overview

Exposed wiring in a distribution box is a serious electrical hazard that must be de-energized and enclosed in a code-compliant junction box to prevent shock, fire, and equipment damage.

Immediate Safety Measures

Exposed wires pose risks of electric shock, arcing, and fire, especially if energized at 120–240 volts or higher (). The first step is to de-energize the circuit by switching off the corresponding breaker or the main breaker if the circuit is not clearly labeled (). Always verify the circuit is dead using a non-contact voltage tester (NCVT) before touching any wires ().

Code-Compliant Repair

All splices and exposed conductors must be housed in an approved, accessible enclosure, typically a metal or plastic junction box (). Key steps include:

- Install a properly sized junction box to accommodate all wires and connectors without overcrowding ().
- Secure the box to a structural element like a stud or joist; use old-work boxes with clamping wings if direct attachment is not possible ().
- Cap each wire individually with the correct-size wire nut (black for hot, white for neutral, green or bare for ground) ().
- Cover the box with a solid faceplate to prevent accidental contact ()....

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