

Electrician

Do you like working with your hands?
You might like to be an electrician!

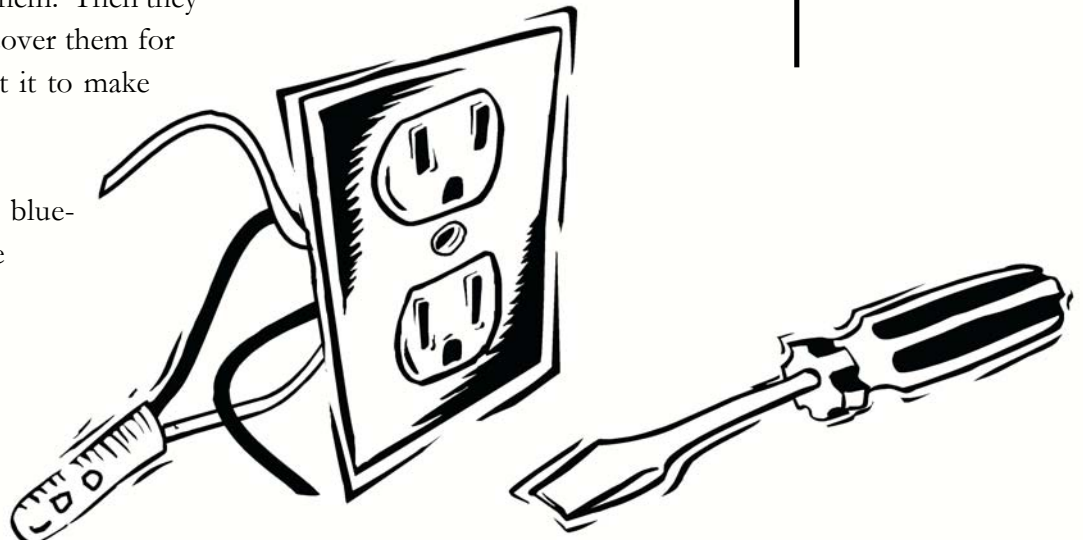
Electricians put in and maintain electrical systems. They put tubes into walls and pull wires through them. Then they connect the wires and cover them for safety. Finally, they test it to make sure it works.

Electricians must read blueprints. Blueprints are plans for a building. Workers must be able to follow a supervisor's directions.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

You could learn in a program as an apprentice. A master electrician would teach you about the job and safety. Many times people learn much of the work on the job as helpers. You would learn all of the skills. You would also learn how to be safe.

You need to work with your hands. You must be able to tell different colors. Good health is important too. High school courses in math, electronics, and shop will help you on your way.



OUTLOOK AND EARNINGS

In most places you must have a license. There are more jobs for electricians where there are more buildings and houses. So larger cities will have more jobs. The pay is different for every job. The average income in 2000 was \$806 per week.

DANGERS

In this job you could get hurt from electrical shock. You must be careful and follow instructions closely. You may be asked to work on ladders or in small areas. ■

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