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Inspection Picture of the Month:

Knob-and-Tube Wiring: Very rarely do we run into this old style of electrical wiring, but on occasion, in a very old home, you can find knob-and-tube wiring still in use.



This wiring was used widely as the method for wiring a home. The hot and neutral wires are run as two separate wires, mounted on insulated posts (knobs), and run through insulated sleeves (tubes). This type of wiring was un-safe, as exposed connections could be contacted, causing possible electric shock to occur.



If this wiring is discovered in a home, usually in an attic or crawlspace, it will be recommended that this wiring be removed and upgraded by an electrician. This can be a considerable expense, but one that is necessary to prevent fires and prevent electric shock hazard.