

How to Reset a Tripped Breaker

Quick Answer

To reset a tripped breaker, turn it fully OFF at the electrical panel and then switch it back ON. This restores power to the affected circuit.

What is a tripped breaker?

A tripped breaker is a safety device in your electrical panel that shuts off power when a circuit becomes overloaded or there is an electrical issue. It helps prevent damage, overheating, and electrical hazards in your home.

How do you reset a tripped breaker?

Step 1: Locate the electrical panel

Find your home's electrical panel, typically located in a garage, utility room, closet, hallway, or outside.

Step 2: Identify the tripped breaker

Look for a breaker that is not aligned with the others. It may be sitting in a middle position or slightly shifted.

Step 3: Turn the breaker fully OFF

Push the breaker firmly all the way to the OFF position to reset it properly.

Step 4: Turn the breaker back ON

Flip the breaker back to the ON position to restore power.

Step 5: Test the power

Check the lights, outlets, or appliances in the affected area to confirm power has been restored.

Why does a breaker trip?

A breaker typically trips due to:

- Circuit overload (too many devices running at once)
 - Faulty or damaged appliance
 - Short circuit or wiring issue
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What if the breaker keeps tripping?


If the breaker trips again immediately or continues to trip, do not keep resetting it. This may indicate an overloaded circuit or an underlying electrical problem that requires professional service.

Need Help?

If you're experiencing frequent breaker trips or electrical issues, our licensed electricians can help diagnose the problem safely.

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