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**IMPORTANT ADVISORY FROM THE EAST HAMPTON TOWN FIRE MARSHAL**

**Lights Flickering at Your Business or Residence?**

**Flickering lights may indicate a dangerous voltage inconsistency that could cause a serious fire hazard. To be safe, call in an electrician immediately to check.**

It's never a good idea to ignore a lighting or electrical problem. If you notice your lights flickering, always investigate.

If your lights flicker when you turn on an appliance with a high wattage, the reason could be because the voltage in your home is fluctuating too much.

If the flickering lasts longer than the use of the appliance, this could be a symptom of a more serious electrical issue. If you can't find the culprit, or if the problem persists, call an electrician.

Other signs that the voltage in your home isn't right include lights that dim and lights that become noticeably brighter or that frequently burn out.

If lights are flickering throughout the house it likely means there's a problem at the meter box connection, electric panel, or main incoming service cable connections.

**Call an electrician A.S.A.P.!** These are high-capacity wires and could present a very serious fire hazard.

**Bottom line: Stay Safe! You should never ignore a problem with flickering lights. It may be a simple fix like a new bulb or fixture switch, but it can be a symptom of a larger electrical problem that could cause a fire.**