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### Overview

Leaving the right amount of wire in an electrical box is crucial for safety and code compliance. The question is, how long should it be?

A new sentence was added to clarify that the mandatory 6 inches of conductors out of the box can be spliced or unspliced. This is for splices or the connection of luminaires or devices.



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Find out how much wire to leave in an electrical box to meet NEC standards. Ensure safe installs with these expert tips and shop for wire tools at SolderStick.



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No, all wire splices must be contained within an approved electrical box. Splicing wires outside of a box is a violation of the NEC and can create a significant safety hazard.



Specifically, the requirement is that at least six inches of free conductor must be left at each outlet, junction, and switch point for splices or device connections. This six-inch measurement ...



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For most standard enclosures, specifically those with an opening less than eight inches in any dimension, each conductor must be long enough to extend at least three inches outside the edge of ...



**Minimum Length of Conductor:** At each outlet, junction, or switch point, a minimum length of 6 inches (152 mm) of free conductor must be provided. This length is measured from the point in the box ...



When electrical cables route from box to box, you must leave at least six inches of free conductor wiring in the junction box for connection purposes.



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