

# short circuit *(short-cir-cuit)*

## Definition

n. an electrical circuit that allows current to travel along an unintended path, often resulting in excess current flow which can cause damage.

## Example Sentence

The technician explained that a **short circuit** could cause the device to malfunction.

## More Example Sentences

After the storm, a **short circuit** in the wiring caused the lights to flicker.

## Synonyms

circuit failure; electrical fault; overload

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