

Two wires on the switch in the distribution box



Summary of Content

Two wires can be safely connected to a single switch using proper pigtail and grounding techniques.

Understanding the Setup

When you have two wires in a switch box, typically one is the incoming hot (live) wire from the distribution box, and the other is the switched wire going to the load (light or device). In some cases, you may also have multiple circuits passing through the same box, but each circuit must remain electrically isolated unless code allows otherwise .

Proper Connection Method

- **Turn Off Power:** Always switch off the circuit breaker supplying the box and verify with a voltage tester that no current is present .
- **Pigtail:** If a single switch needs to control multiple wires, use a pigtail. This involves connecting the incoming hot wire to short lengths of wire (pigtails) using a wire nut. Each pigtail then connects to the line terminal of the switch .
- **Load Connection:** The wire going to the light or device connects to the load terminal of the switch. This ensures the switch interrupts the current to the load only.
- **Grounding:** Connect all bare copper or green-insulated ground wires together, including a pigtail to the switch's green screw. If the box is metal, also connect a grounding pigtail to the box itself .

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