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## William Henry Merrill

## **WORKING TOWARDS A SAFER WORLD**

Born in 1868, this MIT electrical engineer founded Underwriters' Electrical Bureau (which became Underwriters' Laboratories, or just UL) in 1894. Merrill's experience as an electrical inspector with the Boston Board of Fire Underwriters proved advantageous to starting UL's operations.

Opportunity knocked when the Chicago Columbian World's Exposition of 1893 showcased the wonders of electricity. He led the investigation which provided for a safe and successful event. The fair was a significant milestone towards the acceptance of the modern electrical city.

Today, UL continues to help companies demonstrate safety in their products. They occupy 170 facilities across the globe, publish some 1,600 safety documents and perform 100,000 investigations per year. The UL mark can be found on over 22 billion devices.





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