



Electrical Safety Tips

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Many of us are so accustomed to flipping a switch or plugging in equipment that we seldom consider the dangers associated with using electrical outlets. Below are a list of electrical safety tips that should always be used for the home and workplace.

1. Check outlets for any loose fitting plugs as they can overheat and cause a fire.
2. Replace any missing or broken wall plates.
3. Place safety covers on all unused outlets that are accessible to children.
4. Check cords for frayed or cracked areas.
5. Do not nail or staple cords to walls or baseboards.
6. Do not place cords under rugs or rest any furniture on them.
7. Make sure plugs fit the outlet - **Do NOT** force a plug into an outlet.
8. Make sure bulbs are the correct wattage for the fixture.
9. Bulbs need to be screwed securely, loose bulbs can overheat.
10. Extension cords should only be used on a temporary basis – they are not intended as permanent household wiring.
11. Do not overload extension cords.
12. Don't leave appliances plugged in where they might fall into water.
13. Check electrical power tools before each use for frayed cords, broken plugs or broken housings. Repair or replace if there is any damage noted prior to use. Use an extension cord marked for outdoor use and rated for the correct power requirements for your tools.
14. Do not use electric tools in the rain or on wet surfaces.

