

STAY SAFE. Electricity is a wonderful thing. It provides us with light and heat, and powers the many appliances we use everyday. While we have come to depend on electricity, it can be dangerous if not treated with respect. Every year people are badly injured, even killed, in electrical mishaps – many of which could have been avoided. Being aware of potential electrical hazards, and maintaining proper electrical standards in your home, will help you stay safe.

Electricity takes all paths to the ground. If you come in contact with electricity, you become a path to the ground and the electricity will move through your body. You can be seriously injured, even killed. Treat electricity with respect. Watch for hazards and avoid them. Stay safe.

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Check List – Electrical Safety in your Home

Is your home safe? Take a few minutes to complete the following checklist and find out.

Do you have any "octopuses"?

Octopuses appear when too many plugs are put into one electrical outlet. Overloaded outlets can result in heat building up in the wires, which can cause fires.

Are your electric cords in good condition?

Watch for frayed cords or loose fitting plugs. You can receive an electrical shock from exposed wires.

Are your electrical cords free of obstructions?

Cords that run under rugs, are badly kinked, or are too close to appliances that get hot, can cause fires.

Do you have any appliances near water?

Electricity and water do not mix. Avoid operating appliances like kettles or hair dryers near water. Always dry your hands and make sure there are no puddles on the floor before using an electrical appliance.

Are your electrical outlets and appliances childproof?

Children are naturally curious so be aware of dangling cords or exposed plugs. Protect young children by using plastic safety covers on all your electrical outlets and keep appliances away from counter edges.

Are there flammable materials near appliances that get hot?

Be careful not to place heaters, light bulbs or irons near materials like drapes or furniture that could ignite and cause a fire.

Do you unplug unused appliances?

Even when turned off, a small amount of electricity can run through an appliance when it is plugged in. The danger still exists and can be harmful if the appliance were to fall into a sink, toilet, bathtub, swimming pool or hot tub.

Is there any exposed wire in your house?

Repair any broken outlet plates or frayed cords that reveal exposed wiring.

Do you handle plugs properly?

When unplugging an electrical appliance, always pull the base of the plug, not the cord.

Do you have GFCI in your kitchen and bathrooms?

Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs) are special electrical outlets or breakers designed to shut off power in time to prevent serious shock. They are available at any home hardware store and should be installed and used near

sinks and outdoor plugs.

Is there a multi-purpose fire extinguisher in your home?

Keep a fire extinguisher in a convenient location and know how to use it. Fire extinguishers are useful to put out small fires or to clear an escape path.

Is your smoke detector working?

Make sure you have a smoke detector in every level of your house. You should change the batteries every six months.

IN CASE OF AN ELECTRICAL FIRE:

- 1. DO NOT USE WATER.**
- 2. IF POSSIBLE, UNPLUG THE APPLIANCE OR EQUIPMENT.**
- 3. IF THE FIRE IS SMALL, PUT IT OUT USING A MULTI-PURPOSE FIRE EXTINGUISHER.**
- 4. IF THE FIRE IS LARGE, LEAVE THE HOUSE IMMEDIATELY AND CALL 911 TO GET HELP.**