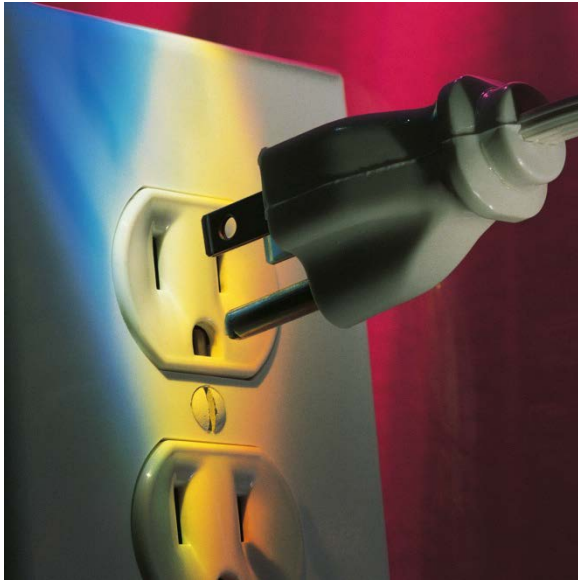


Electrical safety



Electricity provides convenience and comfort, but it can also be dangerous.

When dealing with electricity, take your time and don't take short cuts. Contact with electricity can harm or kill you. You can't outrun electricity, but you can out-think it. This is why ENMAX promotes safe electrical practices.

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Water can conduct electricity. Don't use electrical appliances near water, even if you have an outlet with a ground-fault circuit interrupter (GFCI).

A GFCI senses when electricity isn't flowing correctly and then cuts off the electricity from the outlet. Even with a GFCI, before electricity's cut off, you can get a shock.

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Overloaded outlets and overheated cords and appliances are the third leading cause of house fires.

Too many cords plugged into one outlet can lead to overloading. If you need to plug in more than two cords, avoid octopus outlets and use a power bar instead.

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Regularly clear dust from appliances with fans, including your fridge, computer and microwave, to prevent overheating. For the same reason, don't run cords under rugs.

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Electrical cords need to be insulated with plastic to prevent you from getting shocked. If you have cracked, frayed or broken cords, it's best to replace them. For minor cord damage, electrical tape can be used.

To prevent damaging a cord, unplug an appliance by the plug, not tugging on the cord. Be careful by keeping your fingers away from the metal prongs to avoid a spark or burn.

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Appliances that are plugged in have electricity running through them, even when they're turned off. If you need to fix an appliance, unplug it first.

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Before hanging pictures or shelves, use a stud finder with an AC detector. The AC detector will tell you where live electricity wires are located in the walls so that you avoid these areas.

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If your basement is flooded with water beneath the outlets, turn off the breakers for the area before proceeding to address the damage.

If water is above the outlets, **don't enter** the area. Call the ENMAX Trouble line (403-514-6100) to have your electricity turned off before addressing the damage.

Note: Fishing gear and rubber boots won't protect you from electrical shocks.

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A licensed electrician can address electrical concerns you may have.

When buying a home, a home inspector can indicate if the electrical system is in good condition, or identify any concerns such as overloaded service or ungrounded outlets.

Electricians can also advise on permits for renovations.

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If you do receive an electrical shock, visit your doctor. Electrical shocks can permanently interrupt normal heart rhythms if not treated.

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If you have an electrical fire, don't attempt to put it out with water. Use baking soda or a fire extinguisher, if on hand. If not, vacate the premises.