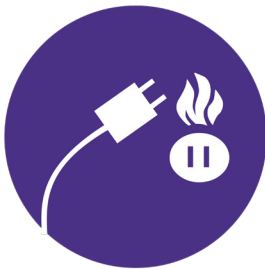


ELECTRICAL FIRE SAFETY



Home electrical fires are responsible for an estimated 80,000 fires and \$1.3 billion in property damage each year. Protect your family and your home by following these electrical safety tips.



Inspections by qualified electricians reduce fire risk and are required by many home insurance policies.



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Appliances

- Always plug major appliances directly into wall outlets.
- Unplug small appliances when they are not in use.
- Check electrical cords on all appliances regularly. Replace any cracked, damaged, or loose cords. Never try to fix them yourself.
- Place lamps on level surfaces, away from things that can burn.
- Always use bulbs that match the recommended wattage for each lamp or fixture.

Outlets

- Never overload wall outlets.
- Insert plugs fully into sockets.
- Install tamper-resistant electrical outlets if you have young children.

Extension Cords, Power Strips, and Surge Protectors

- Replace worn, old, or damaged extension cords right away.
- Only use extension cords for a short period of time.
- Do not run electrical cords across doorways or under carpets.
- Do not overload power strips.
- Use surge protectors, not power strips, with electrical devices that require a lot of electricity to operate.

Electrical Fire Warning Signs

- Frequent problems with blowing fuses or tripping circuit breakers
- A tingling feeling when you touch an electrical appliance
- Discolored or warm wall outlets
- A burning or rubbery odor coming from an appliance
- Flickering lights
- Sparks from an outlet