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US Fire Administration
www.usfa.fema.gov

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www.usfa.fema.gov/kids

For home safety inspections and smoke detector installation, please contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at 941-932-9600.



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**HOME
ELECTRICAL
SAFETY**



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Get The Facts

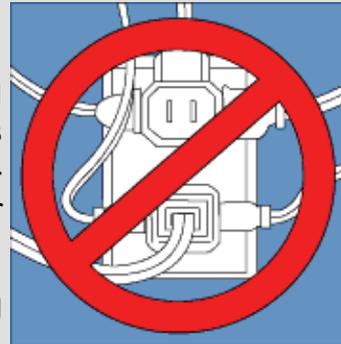
- According to the U.S. Fire Administration: U.S. fire departments respond each year to an estimated 25,900 home electrical fires. These fires cause an estimated 280 deaths, 1,125 injuries and \$1.1 billion in property loss.
- Home electrical fires result in greater dollar loss per fire than nonelectrical fires.



- In 79 percent of home electrical fires, the fire spreads beyond the object where the fire starts.
- Most home electrical fires involve electrical distribution, lighting or power transfer equipment.
- Thirty-nine percent of home electrical fires involve outlets and receptacles, electrical branch circuits (for example, interior house wiring), and other electrical wiring.

Safety Precautions

- Routinely check your electrical appliances and wiring to be sure that appliances are away from wet floors and counters, extension cords are not overloaded, and wires are not frayed, worn, old, or damaged.
- Avoid running extension cords across doorways or under carpets.
- When buying electrical appliances, look for those that meet the Underwriters Laboratory (UL) standard for safety.
- Don't allow children or pets to play with or around electrical appliances like space heaters, irons, and hair dryers.
- Keep clothes, curtains, and other potentially combustible items at least three feet from all heaters.
- Use three-prong plugs in three-slot outlets only—do not force it to fit into a two-slot outlet or extension cord.
- Never use an extension cord to plug in an appliance, plug it directly into a wall outlet.



- Immediately shut off and professionally replace light switches that are hot to the touch and lights that flicker.
- Use safety closures to “child-proof” electrical outlets.
- Check electrical tools regularly for signs of wear and replace those with damaged cords. Replace any tool if it causes even small electrical shocks, overheats, shorts out, or gives off smoke or sparks.
- Don't use staples or nails to attach extension cords to baseboards or other surfaces.
- When unplugging a device, pull the plug rather than the cord itself.

