



Electrical Safety
at Home

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Garage, Basement and Outdoor Safety

These are areas similar to kitchens and bathrooms because there are many appliances and the likelihood of water being around. To help keep your family safe in these areas, keep the following Do's and Don'ts in mind:

- Do be sure any portable electric heaters have a seal from a NRTL (nationally recognized testing laboratory).
- Don't place a portable heater on an unstable surface where it may tip over or be knocked over accidentally.
- Don't use a heater that gives off odd smells, sparks or smoke.
- Do keep all equipment in a dry location, free of any source of water, including rain, leaks and spills.
- Don't have any extension cord carry more than its proper load.
- Do periodically check the fuse box or circuit breaker box for proper functioning.
- Do use power tools equipped with 3 prong plugs or marked as double insulated.
- Don't use outdoor outlets without their own weatherproof cover.
- Do be sure all outdoor outlets are protected by a GFCI.

- Do check the cords of outdoor appliances (lawn mowers, hedge trimmers, weed trimmers, etc.) are in good condition with no cracked or exposed wires.
- Don'ts use any outdoor appliances that aren't in good operating condition.
- Don't use any extension cord outside that isn't marked specifically for Outdoor Use.
- Do use only 3-prong extension cords with 3-pronged plugs on outdoor appliances.
- Don't use any electrical equipment around a swimming pool, spa or hot tub that isn't plugged into a working GFCI outlet.
- Do unplug any equipment that gets wet or immersed in water before it is "rescued".

Discussion Questions

Why is it so important that outdoor appliances be plugged into GFCI protected outlets?

What may happen if an extension cord is made to carry more than its proper load?

MEETING / TRAINING ATTENDANCE ROSTER

COMPANY: _____

_____ SAFETY MEETING

JOB/DEPT: _____

_____ SAFETY TRAINING

DATE: ___/___/___

TIME: _____

TOPICS ADDRESSED: _____

EMPLOYEE'S SIGNATURES

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EMPLOYEE SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: _____

ACTION TAKEN: _____

Supervisor's Signature

_____/_____/_____
Date

Safety Coordinator's Signature

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Date