

Safety At Home or at Work

Safety Tips

Electricity, when used properly, is a safe and convenient form of energy that's vital to our everyday lives. When used improperly, however, electricity can cause fires, shocks, injuries, and even death. Please read through our Safety Tips to learn how to avoid electrical accidents.

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Grounding Power Equipment

Make sure to properly ground your electrical equipment and keep all electrical cords away from heat and water.

Electrical Cords

When pulling out cords to disconnect; pull on the plug, not on the cord. Don't twist, kink, or crush cords. Regularly check the insulation around a power cord to make sure it's in good working condition. If you see any exposed wire or frayed ends, replace the cords immediately; never tape or splice. Also check the plug to ensure the prongs are secure and none are missing.

Electricity and Water

Never use a hair dryer, radio, curling iron, or any other small appliance near water. Anything electric in the water is extremely dangerous and could be fatal.

Make sure you have a chemical fire extinguisher handy at all times and that you know how to operate it in case of emergency. Remember the PASS method – Pull the key, Aim the

hose at the fire, Squeeze the handle, and Sweep the material in a back and forth motion over the fire. Remember to never throw water on an electrical fire. If you have questions or difficulty in locating one, please contact us and we'll help.

Electrical Injuries

In the case of electric shock do not touch the victim until the electricity is turned off. If the victim is in contact with the electric power lines, the only safe procedure is to call the power company and to get medical assistance.

House Antennas

Even in the age of cable, you may still have an antenna on your roof. Make sure it's not near a power line. When the wind blows, the antenna could sway and make contact with the power line. The electricity would then flow down the antenna and into your home possibly causing a fire.