

Extension Cord Safety

Use Extension Cords Properly!

Extension cords are a **common cause of fire** or shock each year. Help **protect your workplace and home** by ensuring

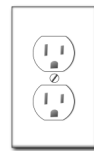
extension cords are in good condition and by following these **important tips**.

Purchase cords that have been **approved** by a recognized testing laboratory.



Do **NOT** run extension cords through **walls, doorways, windows, ceilings or floors** or under carpets. If cords are covered heat cannot escape, which may result in a **FIRE HAZARD**.

Make sure extension cords are **properly rated** for their intended use, indoor or outdoor, and **meet or exceed the power needs** of the device(s) being used.



Do **NOT** substitute **extension cords** for permanent wiring. Have **additional outlets installed** where you need them.

NEVER use three-prong plugs with outlets that only have two slots. **Never remove the ground pin** to force a fit.



Do **NOT** overload extension cords.

Do **NOT** nail or staple electrical cords to walls or baseboards.

Inspect cords and wall sockets for **DAMAGE** before use. Check for **cracked or frayed sockets, loose or bare wires, bent prongs and loose connections**.



Keep extension cords **away from wet or moist environments** and clear of standing water.

Never patch an extension cord. It is far **safer** to replace it if damaged.



Do **NOT** plug extension cords **into one another** ("daisy chaining").

Unplug and store cords when not in use.



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