



Electrical Safety

Electrical fires in our homes claim the lives of 280 Americans and injury over 1,000 people every year. Some of these fires are caused by a failure of the building's electrical system, but many are caused by incorrectly installed wiring, overloaded circuits, and extension cords.

- Routinely check your electrical appliances, cords, and wiring. Replace all worn, old, or damaged appliances immediately. Do not try to repair them. Keep them clean too, remove dust and dirt build up. If you are having problems with an appliance or device replace it!



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- Buy only cords, power strips, and appliances that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory such as those of the UL, or FM.

- Extension cords are for temporary use only! Never use an extension cord to permanently power anything, and consult an electrician if additional circuits are needed. Never run extension cords through walls, or doors, or where they can be damaged easily.



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