



Electrical Safety Tips

Number One -- know where your main breaker is. The safest way to turn the power off if someone is being electrocuted in your house is to turn off the main breaker!

Use power cords with caution!

- Replace cords that are damaged or frayed.
- Do not touch the metal part of the plug when plugging in or unplugging a cord into a power outlet.
- Never place power cords under carpets or rugs.
- Extension cords are only for temporary use. Prolonged use of extension cords can cause overheating and/or fire.
- Never pull the cord; always pull the gripped part of plug-in.

Be careful with electricity around water!

- Never reach for or unplug an appliance that has fallen into water. Instead, turn the power off at the breaker before you unplug the appliance or remove it from the water.
- Do not touch a switch if your hands are wet.
- Do not set a radio or telephone on the edge of a bathtub or sink.
- Do not use a hair dryer in a wet tub or in a shower.
- Unless an appliance is labeled, "immersible" do not put it in or around water to wash it.

Keep your home's electrical system in good repair!

- If you continually replace fuses or reset circuit breakers, you may have a problem with the electrical wiring in your home. Contact a licensed electrical contractor to perform an inspection and make any necessary repairs.
- Never install a higher ampere rated circuit breaker to prevent the breaker from opening.
- Make sure all GFI plugs are working correctly.

Practice safe electricity usage throughout your home!

- Never overload outlets. Using multiple plug-in adapters or power strips could cause a fire. Count your amps and compare them to the rated breaker ampere.
- Avoid the risk of fire by using the manufacturer's suggested wattage for light bulbs in lamps, lighting fixtures, and all other appliances.
- Keep space heaters away from flammable materials like curtains, rugs, or newspapers. Only use UL-listed space heaters, and always operate space heaters to the manufacturer's specifications

Outdoor safety tips:

- Look up and live. Look for overhead power lines when trimming trees, cleaning pools, and working on anything on your roof. (Trinity P.U.D.'s power lines are normally the wires at the top of the poles.)
- Outdoor outlets should be circuit protected by a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI), which is what we call a people saver.
- Educate your children to never fly a kite near power lines or around electrical substations. Balls or other objects tossed or falling into an electrical substation should be left there.
- Educate your children to not climb or play in trees if there are power lines nearby or lines touching or growing through the branches. Children should also know that pad-mounted transformers (those green metal cabinets around your neighborhood), are not safe places to play.
- Do not dig until you have called 811 or (800) 227-2600 (USA North) to have your underground utilities located.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING SAFETY,
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