



Warning signs of electrical hazards:

- * Fuses need replacement or circuit breakers need resetting frequently.
- * Lights dim or the size of your television picture screen shrinks often
- * Bright light flashes or sparks come from your electrical system
- * Sizzles, buzzes, or unusual sounds come from the electrical system
- * Switch plates, outlet covers, cords or plugs are hot or discolored from heat
- * You smell an odor of hot insulation on wires
- * Plugs are so loose that they wobble or pull out of the receptacle easily (poor contacts can cause overheating)
- * You receive a shock or tingle from the electrical system
- * Electrical cord insulation is cut, broken, or cracked



If you have questions or comments regarding this information, please call:

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HOME SAFETY GUIDELINES





SMOKE DETECTORS: Use an electric wired smoke detector with a battery backup and test it monthly.



Rehearse Fire escape plan-pick a safe place for the family to meet outside.



Be sure all door and window locks are operable. Exit door locks requiring a key to get out, need to have a key in place at all times.



BE SURE YOUR ADDRESS IS CLEARLY VISIBLE FROM THE STREET.



Water heater temperature setting should not exceed 120 degrees without the use of anti-scalding devices.

Ground Fault Circuit Interruption devices should be installed on all outlets near potentially wet areas (bathrooms, kitchens, garages, crawl-spaces, etc.).

Avoid use of extension cords-the NUMBER ONE CAUSE OF FIRES IN HOMES.



Stumbling Hazards such as extension cords, cracked sidewalks & loose carpet can cause falls and injury.



Don't use stairs for storage shelves. Hand rails should be installed on stairs with three or more risers.



Picket spacing should not exceed 6" to prevent children's heads from passing through.

Chimneys and wood stoves should be inspected annually by an expert.



Keep fire extinguishers in the kitchen, garage, etc. and have them inspected annually.



Be sure everyone in your family knows how to use the fire extinguisher.

Keep portable appliances unplugged when not in use.



Keep electric motors free from lint.

Unplug double-ended cords from the wall first and then the appliance.

Child-proof your home's electrical outlets by inserting safety caps.

Never use water on an electrical fire. Turn off the power and use an extinguisher.



Never use indoor appliances or extension cords outside.

Don't replace fuses or circuit breakers with those of higher electrical capacity.

Don't use an electrical appliance while standing on a wet floor.

Replace smoke detector batteries and test alarm frequently.

Heed warning signs and follow safety precautions to help prevent property loss, injury and death.