

# Enhance safety in your home and workplace during National Electrical Safety Month



Electricity helps make our lives easier, but it also poses serious risks. May is National Electrical Safety Month — a time to focus on potential home electrical hazards and how to reduce the risk of injury or death for ourselves and our families.

## Electrical safety at home

Have all electrical work done by a qualified electrician.

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Use only one heat-producing appliance plugged into a receptacle outlet at a time.

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Major appliances should be plugged directly into a wall outlet, not into extension cords or surge protectors.

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Check electrical cords to make sure they are not running across doorways or under carpets.

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Extension cords are intended for temporary use. Have a qualified electrician install additional receptacle outlets so that extension cords are no longer necessary.

## Electrical safety at work

Watch for frayed or damaged cords, loose plugs, or outlets that do not hold plugs securely.

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Remove from use and report any equipment that overheats, gives off unusual odors, or does not function properly.

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Avoid overloading outlets, power strips, or extension cords.

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Turn off and unplug appliances when they are not in use and before cleaning.

Do not force plugs into outlets or use adapters that defeat safety features.

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Keep electrical cords out of high-traffic areas, doorways, and from under carpets.

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Be mindful of electrical load, even when using surge protectors.

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Report recurring electrical issues or heavy reliance on extension cords to a supervisor or facilities staff.

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SAFETY**