



Electric Safety Indoors

Electric Appliance Safety

- Never use any electric appliance, like a shaver or hair dryer in the tub or shower. Always make sure your hands are dry when using an electric appliance.
- Use appliances with the Underwriters' Laboratories (UL) symbol.
- Never place appliance cords where they will come into contact with heat or moisture. Never place cords under rugs or heavy furniture.
- Do not overload outlets with too many appliances; make use of other outlets in the room. Never stick any object other than an electrical plug or child proof cover into an outlet. Unplug the appliance before repairing or cleaning.
- Never pull out an electrical plug by the cord.

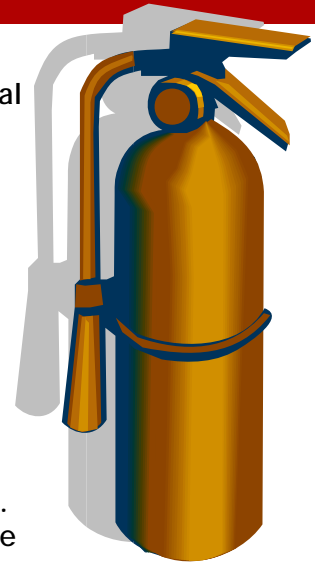


Electrical Fire Safety

- Hold family fire drills and establish a meeting place away from the fire.
- Install smoke alarms in strategic locations. Check batteries and test at least twice a year (during time changes).
- Fire extinguishers should be placed on every floor with instructions.

If an Electrical Fire occurs...

- Dial 911. Since electrical fires are handled differently, alert the dispatcher that it is an electrical fire.
- Never put water on an electrical fire. Use your home fire extinguisher.





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Electrical Accidents

- Unplug or turn off the power. Never touch someone in contact with a power source.
- Call for medical assistance.
- Electrical burns are sometimes not immediately apparent. Do not touch skin that has experienced a burn. Run small burns under cold water.
- If you see that the victim is not breathing, practice cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), cover the victim with a blanket, keep their head low and get immediate medical attention. **NEVER** attempt to practice CPR unless you have CPR certification.

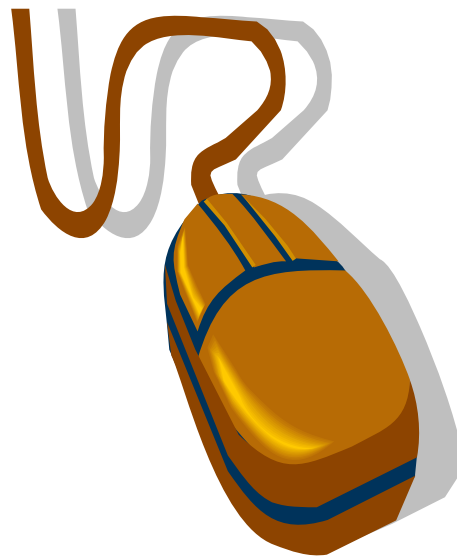
See your local Red Cross or medical center for CPR certification training.

Portable Electrical Space Heaters

- Never hang clothes or place furniture near an electric heater or hot plate.
- Keep away from furniture and drapes.
- Keep electric heaters on a level non-flammable surface.

Visit our Just for Kids section for information on how to educate your child about the danger of misusing electricity and electrical devices.

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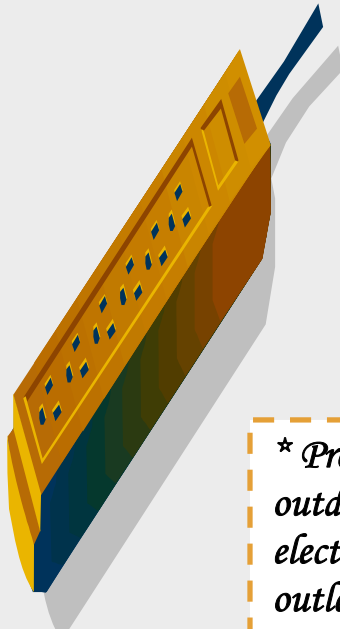




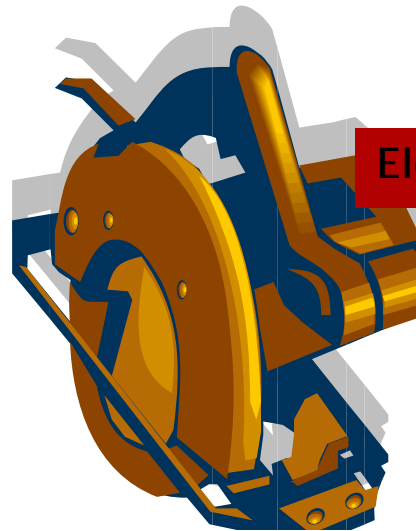
Electric Safety Outdoors

Electricity and Water

- Protect outdoor electrical outlets with weatherproof covers and ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs).
- Never operate electrical equipment in the rain or on a wet surface.
- Never enter a flooded basement to turn off electricity or for any other reason. First call your local fire department.



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Electrical Tools

- If you plan to use an electrical lawn mower or hedge trimmer, be sure to keep the cord behind you.
- Keep children away from the area where you are operating electric yard tools. Eliminate the possibility of them tripping or moving the cord resulting in an avoidable accident.
- Always unplug the electrical equipment if you have an obstruction. After the power has been disconnected, free the obstruction before plugging it back in. Always keep electrical tools unplugged when maintaining and repairing.
- Be sure your tools are in good operating condition. Maintain them and inspect the grounding connections.
- It's important to read the manufacturers operating instructions for specific electrical precautions.



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Call Before You Dig - OUPS

- Digging can be dangerous if you don't check first for underground wiring or cables. There could also be other underground utilities such as natural gas, water and sewer lines.
- Never dig around your home or business without calling OUPS, toll free at 1-800-362-2764 or call 811, they will notify South Central Power and other utilities and whether underground facilities are at the site. You must call at least 2 working days before you start. There is no charge to you for this service.

Swimming Pool

Safety Reminders

- Be sure all electrical equipment for your swimming pool is grounded properly. A ground fault circuit interrupter should be installed on your pool's electrical equipment. If a fault occurs in the equipment, the interrupter will instantly cut the power, preventing a serious electric shock.
 - If you're installing a pool, have it inspected by your town or city's electrical inspector when the job is complete.
 - Do not use any plug-in appliances near the pool.
 - Do not install a pool under electric wires.



Ladder Safety

- Keep ladders at least 10 feet away from power lines. Keep all parts of your body and anything you are holding in your hands at least 10 feet from the power lines. This is known as the "10-foot rule".
- Know where the power lines are located when carrying your ladder. Never carry it upright. Be sure to carry it in a horizontal position.
- Be sure that the ladder could not make contact with power lines if it falls from its upright position. Take extra care in planting the ladder securely before climbing.
- When working with long objects on a ladder like pipes, conduits and gutters, be very careful not to hold or place them where they could accidentally fall on power lines. Remember the "10-foot rule".

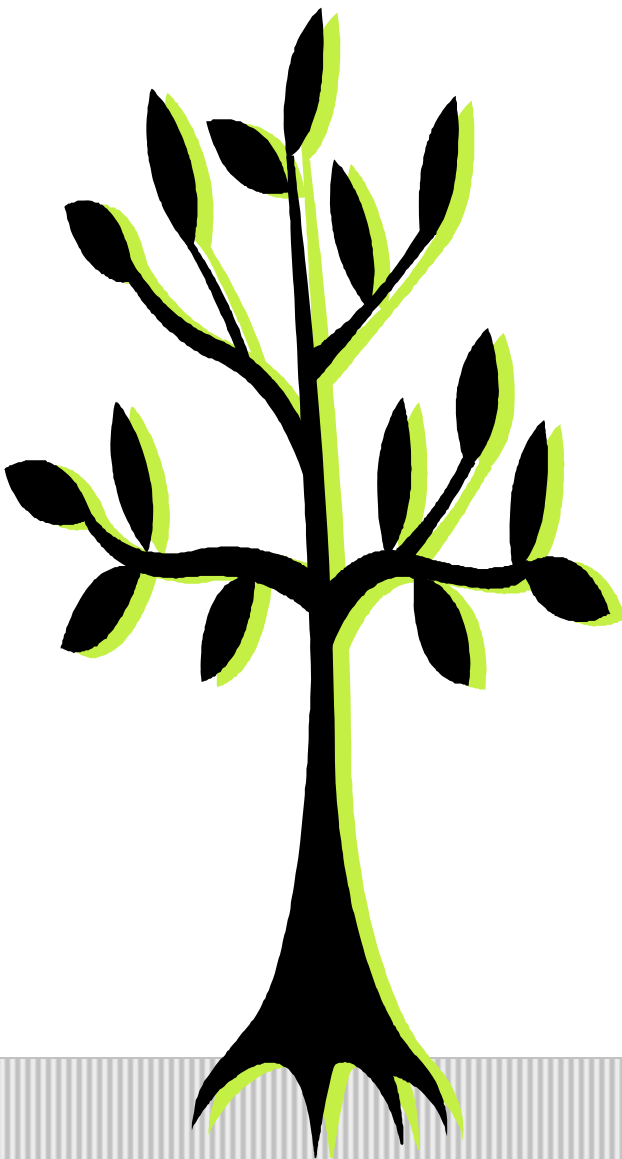


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Planting That Tree in the Right Place

Help keep South Central Power power lines free of vegetation.

Visit our vegetation management section on our website.



Power Line Safety

- If you encounter a fallen power line, call 911 and report it to the police department. Alert South Central Power by calling 1-800-282-5064.
- Stay away from downed wires and don't touch anything or anyone that's touching them. If the wire is touching your vehicle, wait for help. If you **ABSOLUTELY MUST** get out, jump clear - don't touch the ground and the vehicle at the same time. Shuffle, don't run away.
- Never fly kites, balloons or other toys around them. They conduct electricity.
- Never climb power poles. They can deliver a deadly shock.