

Be Burn Aware!

Keep Children Safe from Electrical Burns

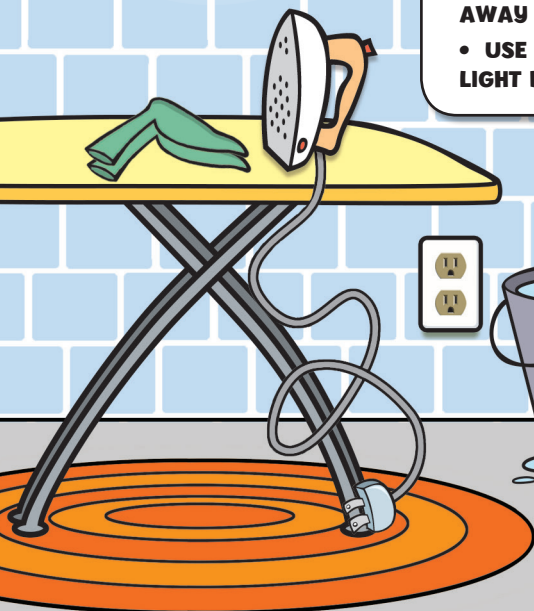


Electricity has been part of our lives for so long that we probably take it for granted. But electricity is a powerful force, and can cause serious injuries, and even death. Remembering a few basic home safety tips can help keep everyone safe.

BASIC HOME SAFETY TIPS:

- USE EXTREME CAUTION WHEN USING ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES NEAR WATER.
- DO NOT OVERLOAD ELECTRICAL OUTLETS.
 - REPLACE ELECTRICAL ITEMS THAT SHOW SIGNS OF WEAR.
 - KEEP YOUR CLOTHES DRYER FREE OF LINT ACCUMULATION.
- IF YOU ARE IN OR STANDING IN WATER, DO NOT TOUCH ANYTHING ELECTRICAL.
 - PLUG ITEMS IN APPROPRIATELY.
 - USE CERTIFIED SURGE PROTECTORS AND POWER STRIPS.
- KEEP FLAMMABLE ITEMS AWAY FROM HEAT SOURCES.
- USE CORRECT WATTAGE LIGHT BULBS.

Call 911
in the case of
an emergency.



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WHEN OUTDOORS:

- Come indoors and remain there during an electrical storm.
- Never play near electrical wires.
- Stay away from areas marked **DANGER: HIGH VOLTAGE**.
- Never climb utility poles, transmission towers, etc.
- Do not climb trees that are near power lines.

KEEP YOUNG CHILDREN SAFE WHEN INDOORS:

- PLACE COVERS ON ALL ELECTRICAL OUTLETS.
- UNPLUG ALL ELECTRICAL ITEMS WITHIN A CHILD'S REACH.
- DO NOT ALLOW TOYS THAT MUST BE PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET.
- TEACH YOUR CHILDREN TO NEVER TOUCH ELECTRICAL OUTLETS OR PLAY WITH ELECTRICAL CORDS.

- Do not throw anything at utility poles or wires.
- Only fly kites in dry weather and in open spaces, away from power lines. If your kite does get caught in an electrical wire, call the electric company for help.
- When working outside, remember to watch for overhead power lines.
- Stay away from transformers, which are located in areas with underground power lines.

CALL A QUALIFIED ELECTRICIAN IF:

- YOU HAVE RECURRING INSTANCES OF BLOWN FUSES OR TRIPPING CIRCUIT BREAKERS.
- YOU EXPERIENCE A TINGLING FEELING WHEN TOUCHING AN ELECTRICAL TOOL OR APPLIANCE.
- YOUR OUTLETS OR SWITCHES ARE WARM, DISCOLORED, CRACKED, BROKEN, OR EMITTING SPARKS.
- THERE IS A BURNING OR RUBBER-LIKE SMELL COMING FROM AN APPLIANCE.
- YOU HAVE FLICKERING LIGHT.



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Should an injury occur, call 911. If it is determined that a child needs treatment at a pediatric burn center, Shriners Hospitals for Children has expert centers located in Boston; Cincinnati; Galveston, Texas; and Sacramento, Calif.

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