

Electrical Safety Tips

Improve the electrical safety of your home and workplace.

Water And Electricity Do Not Mix!

Don't leave electrical appliances plugged in areas where they may come in contact with water.

Inspect Electrical Appliances Regularly

Replace or repair faulty plugs, switches or frayed cords immediately.

Always Use a Licensed Electrician

for all electrical work or to repair appliances.

Always Switch Off and Unplug

before cleaning or repairing appliances and electrical equipment.

Always Turn Light Switches Off

before replacing the bulb.

Avoid Overloading Sockets

with too many appliances. This can cause fires.

For Your Home/Business

Ground Fault

Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs)

GFCIs can help prevent electrocution. They should be used in areas where water and electricity may come into contact. (e.g. kitchens, bathrooms, laundry rooms).

Test GFCIs regularly according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Circuit Breakers/Fuses

Circuit breakers and fuses should always be the correct size for the

circuit. If you don't know the correct size fuse, have an electrician identify and label the sizes to be used.

Surge Suppressors/Protectors

Use a surge suppressor with sensitive electrical equipment. When buying a surge suppressor, ensure you select one that covers the appropriate protective value for your equipment.

Wiring

Check wiring every 5 years.

Make it Safe for Children!

Power Outlets

Insert childproof plugs.

Power Strips

If they cannot be moved, they should have built-in safety switches to prevent electrocution.

Dangling Cords

Dangling cords on appliances or devices can be pulled down possibly injuring the child.

At the earliest opportunity, begin teaching your child about electrical safety.

1. Never poke sharp objects into electrical appliances or electrical sockets.
2. Never touch electrical appliances without parental supervision.
3. Never touch electrical appliances or light switches with wet hands.
4. Never fly your kite near power lines.

Tree Trimming

Avoid planting trees that grow tall under or near power lines. This helps prevent damage to lines during storms or natural disasters.

Consult Grenlec for advice before attempting to trim a tree:

- If it is unsafe to trim a tree near a power line.
- If you spot a tree growing into a power line.

* Note the pole number when reporting to Grenlec.