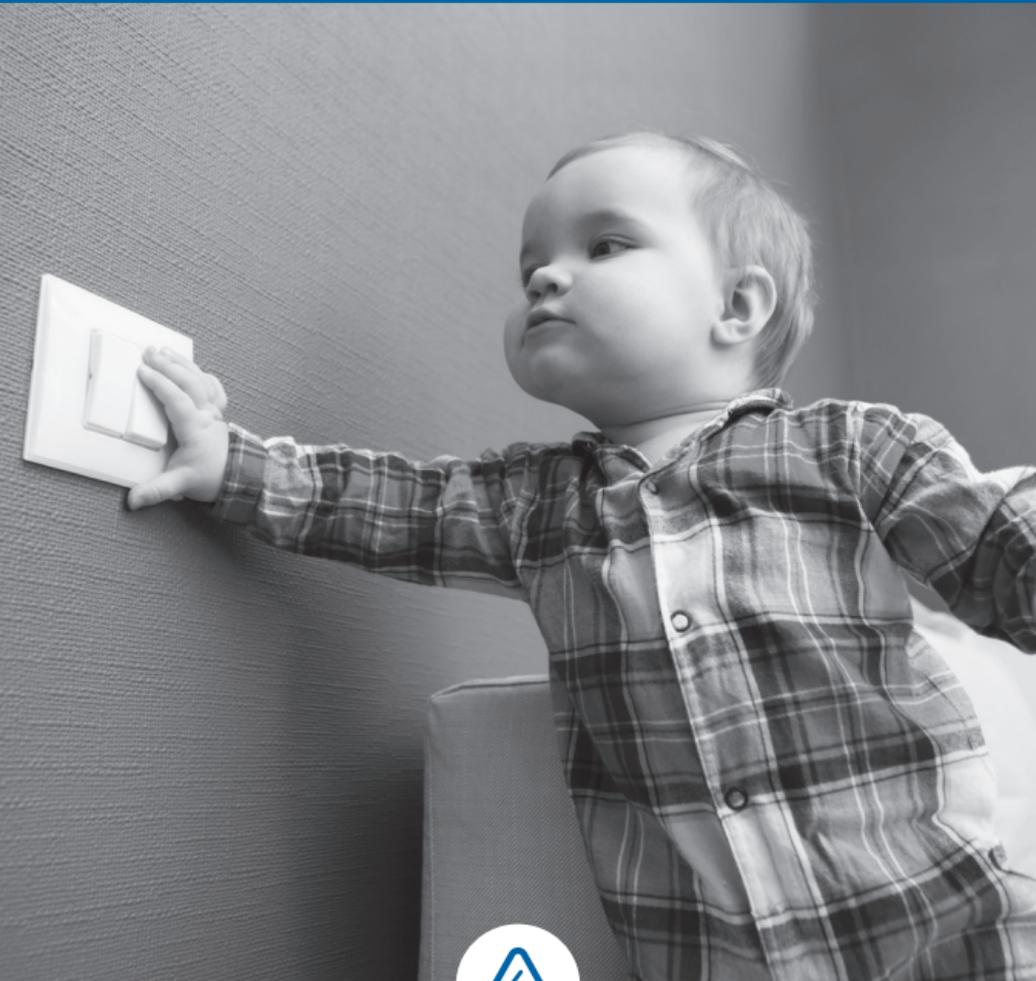


Electric Safety in Your Home

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What You Need to Know





The risk of electrical shock or fire exists in every home. Know what hazards to look for to keep you and your family safe.

Indoor Safety

Electric Cords

- Replace electric cords that have worn spots or frayed wires.
- Use extension cords for short periods only. Don't connect them to other extension cords.
- Avoid overloading outlets, extension cords or power strips.
- Don't place electric cords under carpets or furniture.
- Refrain from stapling or nailing cords to walls or baseboards.
- Never remove the third prong from a plug to make it fit a two-prong outlet.

Appliances

- Unplug unused appliances.
- Use surge protectors to safeguard appliances and electronics.

- Choose small appliances and tools that are certified by a recognized independent testing lab.
- Don't retrieve electrical products that fall in water. Use the circuit breaker to shut off power.

Wall Plates and Outlets

- Check outlets for loose connections and corrosion.
- Use safety covers on outlets to safeguard children.
- Replace missing or broken wall plates.
- If an outlet or wall plate feels hot, immediately shut off the circuit and have a professional check it.
- A tear-drop shaped darkening by an outlet or wall plate may indicate heat buildup. Have an electrician check your system.

Outdoor Safety

Downed Wires

- Don't touch or approach any downed wires. Assume they're live and dangerous. Call us immediately at **1-877-434-4100**.
- Maintain a distance of at least 50 feet from downed wires and anything they're in contact with, including puddles of water and fences.
- If a fallen wire is draped over a car, don't approach the car and make rescue attempts. Remain a safe distance away and try to keep the occupant of the vehicle calm. Call **911** for emergency personnel to handle the situation.
- Don't drive over downed lines. If you do, don't get out of the car. Call **911** for help.

Electrical Products

- Use electrical products outdoors only if they're marked for outdoor use.
- Keep outdoor outlets covered and dry between use.
- Never use outdoor portable electrical appliances or tools when you're wet or near water.

Portable Generators

- Observe the generator manufacturer's instructions for safe operation.
- Plug individual appliances into the generator using heavy duty, outdoor-rated cords with a wire gauge adequate for the appliance load.
- Never plug the generator into a wall outlet.
- Have a qualified electrician install a manual transfer switch to prevent damage to your generator, wiring and appliances, and protect our workers from backfeed into our lines.
- Only operate generators outdoors.

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If you have any problems, don't try to make repairs yourself. Contact an electrician.