

Outdoor safety

- Only use electrical products that are marked –for outdoor use.
- Always be alert when working near power lines.
- Be aware of the location of overhead and underground power lines to avoid injury.
- Carry extension ladders parallel to the ground and check for the location of overhead power lines before setting the ladder upright.
- Call 811 to have underground utility lines marked at least three full business days before doing any digging.

Indoor safety

- Check electrical cords for worn spots or frayed wires and replace damaged cords.
- Never overload an extension cord or plug one extension cord into another.
 Too many appliances or devices plugged into a single extension cord can cause overheating, which can lead to fire.
- Don't run extension cords under carpets or rugs. This can cause them to overheat and catch fire. Avoid running them under furniture, which can damage the insulating cover.
- Keep flammable materials away from lamps and heaters. Place electric space heaters away from well-traveled areas to prevent others from tripping or falling over them.
- Install safety covers over unused outlets to prevent small children from playing with them.

